

HISTORICAL RECORD  
OF  
THE SIXTH, OR INNISKILLING REGIMENT  
OF  
DRAGOONS:)

CONTAINING  
AN ACCOUNT OF THE FORMATION OF THE REGIMENT  
IN 1689,  
AND OF ITS SUBSEQUENT SERVICES  
To 1846.

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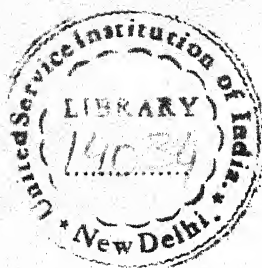
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## GENERAL ORDERS.

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### *HORSE GUARDS.*

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HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to command, that, with a view of doing the fullest justice to Regiments, as well as to Individuals who have distinguished themselves by their Bravery in Action with the Enemy, an Account of the Services of every Regiment in the British Army shall be published under the superintendence and direction of the Adjutant-General; and that this Account shall contain the following particulars, viz.,

— The Period and Circumstances of the Original Formation of the Regiment; The Stations at which it has been from time to time employed; The Battles, Sieges, and other Military Operations, in which it has been engaged, particularly specifying any Achievement it may have performed, and the Colours, Trophies, &c., it may have captured from the Enemy.

— The Names of the Officers, and the number of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, Killed or Wounded by the Enemy, specifying the Place and Date of the Action.

— The names of those Officers, who, in consideration of their Gallant Services and Meritorious Conduct in Engagements with the Enemy, have been distinguished with Titles, Medals, or other Marks of His Majesty's gracious favour.

— The Names of all such Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates as may have specially signalized themselves in Action.

And,

— The Badges and Devices which the Regiment may have been permitted to bear, and the Causes on account of which such Badges or Devices, or any other Marks of Distinction, have been granted.

By Command of the Right Honourable

GENERAL LORD HILL,

*Commanding-in-Chief.*

JOHN MACDONALD.

*Adjutant-General.*

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## PREFACE.

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THE character and credit of the British Army must chiefly depend upon the zeal and ardour, by which all who enter into its service are animated, and consequently it is of the highest importance that any measure calculated to excite the spirit of emulation, by which alone great and gallant actions are achieved, should be adopted.

Nothing can more fully tend to the accomplishment of this desirable object, than a full display of the noble deeds with which the Military History of our country abounds. To hold forth these bright examples to the imitation of the youthful soldier, and thus to incite him to emulate the meritorious conduct of those who have preceded him in their honourable career, are among the motives that have given rise to the present publication.

The operations of the British Troops are, indeed, announced in the "London Gazette," from whence they are transferred into the public prints: the achievements of our armies are thus made known at the time of their occurrence, and receive the tribute

of praise and admiration to which they are entitled. On extraordinary occasions, the Houses of Parliament have been in the habit of conferring on the Commanders, and the Officers and Troops acting under their orders, expressions of approbation and of thanks for their skill and bravery, and these testimonials, confirmed by the high honour of their Sovereign's Approbation, constitute the reward which the soldier most highly prizes.

It has not, however, until late years, been the practice (which appears to have long prevailed in some of the Continental armies) for British Regiments to keep regular records of their services and achievements. Hence some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining, particularly from the old Regiments, an authentic account of their origin and subsequent services.

This defect will now be remedied, in consequence of His Majesty having been pleased to command, that every Regiment shall in future keep a full and ample record of its services at home and abroad.

From the materials thus collected, the country will henceforth derive information as to the difficulties and privations which chequer the career of those who embrace the military profession. In Great Britain, where so large a number of persons are devoted to the active concerns of agriculture, manufactures,



and commerce, and where these pursuits have, for so long a period, been undisturbed by the *presence of war*, which few other countries have escaped, comparatively little is known of the vicissitudes of active service, and of the casualties of climate, to which, even during peace, the British Troops are exposed in every part of the globe, with little or no interval of repose.

In their tranquil enjoyment of the blessings which the country derives from the industry and the enterprise of the agriculturist and the trader, its happy inhabitants may be supposed not often to reflect on the perilous duties of the soldier and the sailor,—on their sufferings,—and on the sacrifice of valuable life, by which so many national benefits are obtained and preserved.

The conduct of the British Troops, their valour, and endurance, have shone conspicuously under great and trying difficulties; and their character has been established in Continental warfare by the irresistible spirit with which they have effected debarkations in spite of the most formidable opposition, and by the gallantry and steadiness with which they have maintained their advantages against superior numbers.

In the official Reports made by the respective Commanders, ample justice has generally been done to

the gallant exertions of the Corps employed; but the details of their services, and of acts of individual bravery, can only be fully given in the Annals of the various Regiments.

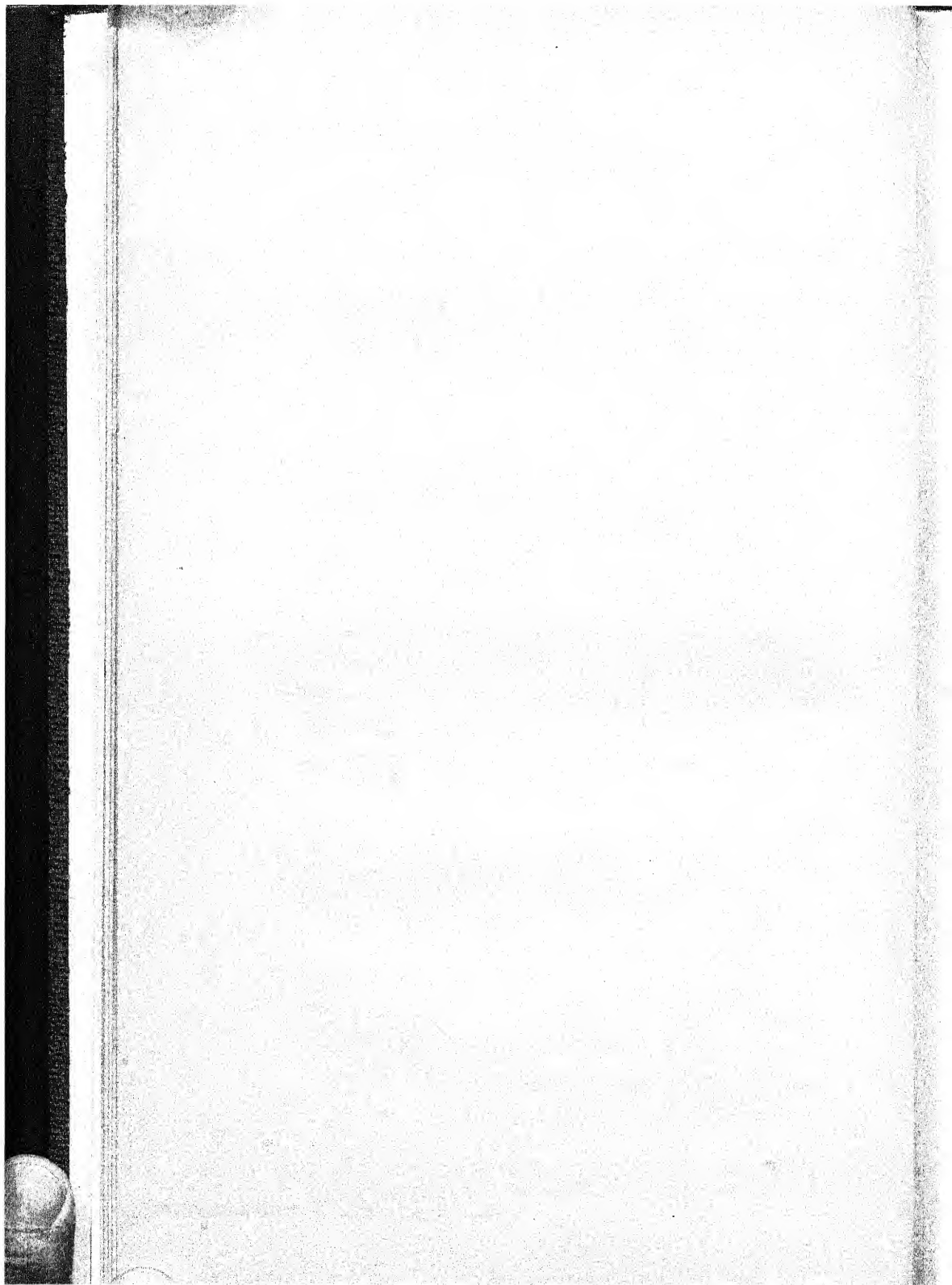
These Records are now preparing for publication, under His Majesty's special authority, by Mr. RICHARD CANNON, Principal Clerk of the Adjutant-General's Office; and while the perusal of them cannot fail to be useful and interesting to military men of every rank, it is considered that they will also afford entertainment and information to the general reader, particularly to those who may have served in the Army, or who have relatives in the Service.

There exists in the breasts of most of those who have served, or are serving, in the Army, an *Esprit de Corps*—an attachment to every thing belonging to their Regiment; to such persons a narrative of the services of their own Corps cannot fail to prove interesting. Authentic accounts of the actions of the great,—the valiant,—the loyal, have always been of paramount interest with a brave and civilized people. Great Britain has produced a race of heroes who, in moments of danger and terror, have stood, “firm as the rocks of their native shore;” and when half the World has been arrayed against them, they have fought the battles of their Country with un-

shaken fortitude. It is presumed that a record of achievements in war,—victories so complete and surprising, gained by our countrymen,—our brothers,—our fellow-citizens in arms,—a record which revives the memory of the brave, and brings their gallant deeds before us, will certainly prove acceptable to the public.

Biographical memoirs of the Colonels and other distinguished Officers, will be introduced in the Records of their respective Regiments, and the Honorary Distinctions which have, from time to time, been conferred upon each Regiment, as testifying the value and importance of its services, will be faithfully set forth.

As a convenient mode of Publication, the Record of each Regiment will be printed in a distinct number, so that when the whole shall be completed, the Parts may be bound up in numerical succession.





## INTRODUCTION.

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THE ancient Armies of England were composed of Horse and Foot; but the feudal troops established by William the Conqueror in 1086, consisted almost entirely of Horse. Under the feudal system, every holder of land amounting to what was termed a "knight's fee," was required to provide a charger, a coat of mail, a helmet, a shield, and a lance, and to serve the Crown a period of forty days in each year at his own expense; and the great landholders had to provide armed men in proportion to the extent of their estates; consequently the ranks of the feudal Cavalry were completed with men of property, and the vassals and tenants of the great barons, who led their dependents to the field in person.

In the succeeding reigns the Cavalry of the Army was composed of Knights (or men at arms) and Hobiliars (or horsemen of inferior degree); and the Infantry of spears and battle-axe men, cross-bowmen, and archers. The Knights wore

armour on every part of the body, and their weapons were a lance, a sword, and a small dagger. The Hobiliers were accoutred and armed for the light and less important services of war, and were not considered qualified for a charge in line. Mounted Archers\* were also introduced, and the English nation eventually became pre-eminent in the use of the bow.

About the time of Queen Mary the appellation of "*Men at Arms*" was changed to that of "*Spears and Lances*." The introduction of fire-arms ultimately occasioned the lance to fall into disuse, and the title of the Horsemen of the first degree was changed to "*Cuirassiers*." The Cuirassiers were armed *cap-à-pié*, and their weapons were a sword with a straight narrow blade and sharp point, and a pair of large pistols, called petronels; and the Hobiliers carried carbines. The Infantry carried pikes, matchlocks, and swords. The introduction of fire-arms occasioned the formation of Regiments armed and equipped as infantry, but mounted on small horses for the sake of expedition of movement, and these were styled "*Dragoons*;" a small portion of the military

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\* In the 14th year of the reign of Edward IV. a small force was established in Ireland by Parliament, consisting of 120 Archers on horseback, 40 Horsemen, and 40 Pages.

force of the kingdom, however, consisted of this description of troops.

The formation of the present Army commenced after the Restoration in 1660, with the establishment of regular corps of Horse and Foot; the Horsemen were cuirassiers, but only wore armour on the head and body; and the Foot were pikemen and musketeers. The arms which each description of force carried, are described in the following extract from the "Regulations of King Charles II.," dated 5th May, 1663:—

"Each Horseman to have for his defensive  
"armes, back, breast, and pot; and for his offensive  
"armes, a sword, and a case of pistolls, the  
"barrels whereof are not to be und<sup>r</sup>. foorteen  
"inches in length; and each Trooper of Our  
"Guards to have a carbine besides the aforesaid  
"armes. And the Foote to have each souldier a  
"sword, and each pikeman a pike of 16 foote  
"long and not und<sup>r</sup>.; and each musqueteer a  
"musquet with a collar of bandaliers, the barrell  
"of which musquet to be about four foote long,  
"and to containe a bullet, foorteen of which shall  
"weigh a pound weight\*."

The ranks of the Troops of Horse were at this period composed of men of some property—gene-

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\* Military Papers, State Paper Office.

rally the sons of substantial yeomen: the young men received as recruits provided their own horses, and they were placed on a rate of pay sufficient to give them a respectable station in society.

On the breaking out of the war with Holland in the spring of 1672, a Regiment of Dragoons was raised\*; the Dragoons were placed on a lower rate of pay than the Horse, and the Regiment was armed similar to the Infantry, excepting that a limited number of the men carried halberds instead of pikes, and the others muskets and bayonets; and a few men in each troop had pistols; as appears by a warrant dated the 2nd of April, 1672, of which the following is an extract:—

“ CHARLES R.

“ Our will and pleasure is, that a Regiment of Dragoones which we have established and ordered to be raised, in twelve Troopes of fourscore in each beside officers, who are to be under the command of Our most deare and most intirely beloved Cousin Prince Rupert, shall be armed out of Our stoares remaining within Our office of the Ordinance, as followeth; that is to say, three corporalls, two serjeants, the gentlemen at armes, and twelve souldiers of

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\* This Regiment was disbanded after the Peace of 1674.



“each of the said twelve Troopes, are to have and  
“carry each of them one halbard, and one case  
“of pistolls with holsters; and the rest of the  
“souldiers of the several Troopes aforesaid, are  
“to have and to carry each of them one match-  
“locke musquet, with a collar of bandaliers, and  
“also to have and to carry one bayonet\*, or great  
“knife. That each lieutenant have and carry  
“one partizan; and that two drums be delivered  
“out for each Troope of the said Regiment†.”

Several regiments of Horse and Dragoons were raised in the first year of the reign of King James II.; and the horsemen carried a short carbine‡ in addition to the sword and pair of pistols: and in a Regulation dated the 21st of February, 1687, the arms of the Dragoons at that period were commanded to be as follows:—

“The Dragoons to have snaphanse musquets,  
“strapt, with bright barrels of three foote eight  
“inches long, cartouch-boxes, bayonetts, granado  
“pouches, buckets, and hammer-hatchetts.”

After several years' experience, little advantage

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\* This appears to be the first introduction of *bayonets* into the English Army.

† State Paper Office.

‡ The first issue of carbines to the regular Horse appears to have taken place in 1684; the Life Guards, however, carried carbines from their formation in 1660.—*Vide* the ‘Historical Record of the Life Guards.’

was found to accrue from having Cavalry Regiments formed almost exclusively for engaging the enemy on foot; and, the Horse having laid aside their armour, the arms and equipment of Horse and Dragoons were so nearly assimilated, that there remained little distinction besides the name and rate of pay. The introduction of improvements into the mounting, arming, and equipment of Dragoons rendered them competent to the performance of every description of service required of Cavalry; and, while the long musket and bayonet were retained, to enable them to act as Infantry, if necessary, they were found to be equally efficient, and of equal value to the nation, as Cavalry, with the Regiments of Horse.

In the several augmentations made to the regular Army after the early part of the reign of Queen Anne, no new Regiments of Horse were raised for permanent service; and in 1746 King George II. reduced three of the old Regiments of Horse to the quality and pay of Dragoons; at the same time, His Majesty gave them the title of First, Second, and Third Regiments of *Dragoon Guards*: and in 1788 the same alteration was made in the remaining four Regiments of Horse, which then became the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Regiments of *Dragoon Guards*.

At present there are only three Regiments which are styled *Horse* in the British Army, namely, the two Regiments of Life Guards, and the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, to whom cuirasses have recently been restored. The other Cavalry Regiments consist of Dragoon Guards, Heavy and Light Dragoons, Hussars, and Lancers ; and although the long musket and bayonet have been laid aside by the whole of the Cavalry, and the Regiments are armed and equipped on the principle of the old Horse (excepting the cuirass), they continue to be styled Dragoons.

The old Regiments of Horse formed a highly respectable and efficient portion of the Army, and it is found, on perusing the histories of the various campaigns in which they have been engaged, that they have, on all occasions, maintained a high character for steadiness and discipline as well as for bravery in action. They were formerly mounted on horses of superior weight and physical power, and few troops could withstand a well-directed charge of the celebrated British Horse. The records of these corps embrace a period of 150 years—a period eventful in history, and abounding in instances of heroism displayed by the British troops when danger has threatened the nation,—a period in which these Regiments

have numbered in their ranks men of loyalty, valour, and good conduct, worthy of imitation.

Since the Regiments of Horse were formed into Dragoon Guards, additional improvements have been introduced into the constitution of the several corps; and the superior description of horses now bred in the United Kingdom, enables the commanding officers to remount their regiments with such excellent horses, that, whilst sufficient weight has been retained for a powerful charge in line, a lightness has been acquired, which renders them available for every description of service incident to modern warfare.

The orderly conduct of these Regiments in quarters has gained the confidence and esteem of the respectable inhabitants of the various parts of the United Kingdom in which they have been stationed; their promptitude and alacrity in attending to the requisitions of the magistrates in periods of excitement, and the temper, patience, and forbearance which they have evinced when subjected to great provocation, insult, and violence from the misguided populace, prove the value of these troops to the Crown, and to the Government of the country, and justify the reliance which is reposed on them.



THE SIXTH,  
OR  
THE INNISKILLING DRAGOONS,

BEAR, AS A REGIMENTAL BADGE,

THE CASTLE OF INNISKILLING;

WITH THE WORD, "*INNISKILLING*" UNDERNEATH,  
COMMEMORATIVE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE  
REGIMENT WAS FORMED IN 1689;

ALSO THE WORD

"WATERLOO,"

AS A TESTIMONY OF THEIR DISTINGUISHED GALLANTRY  
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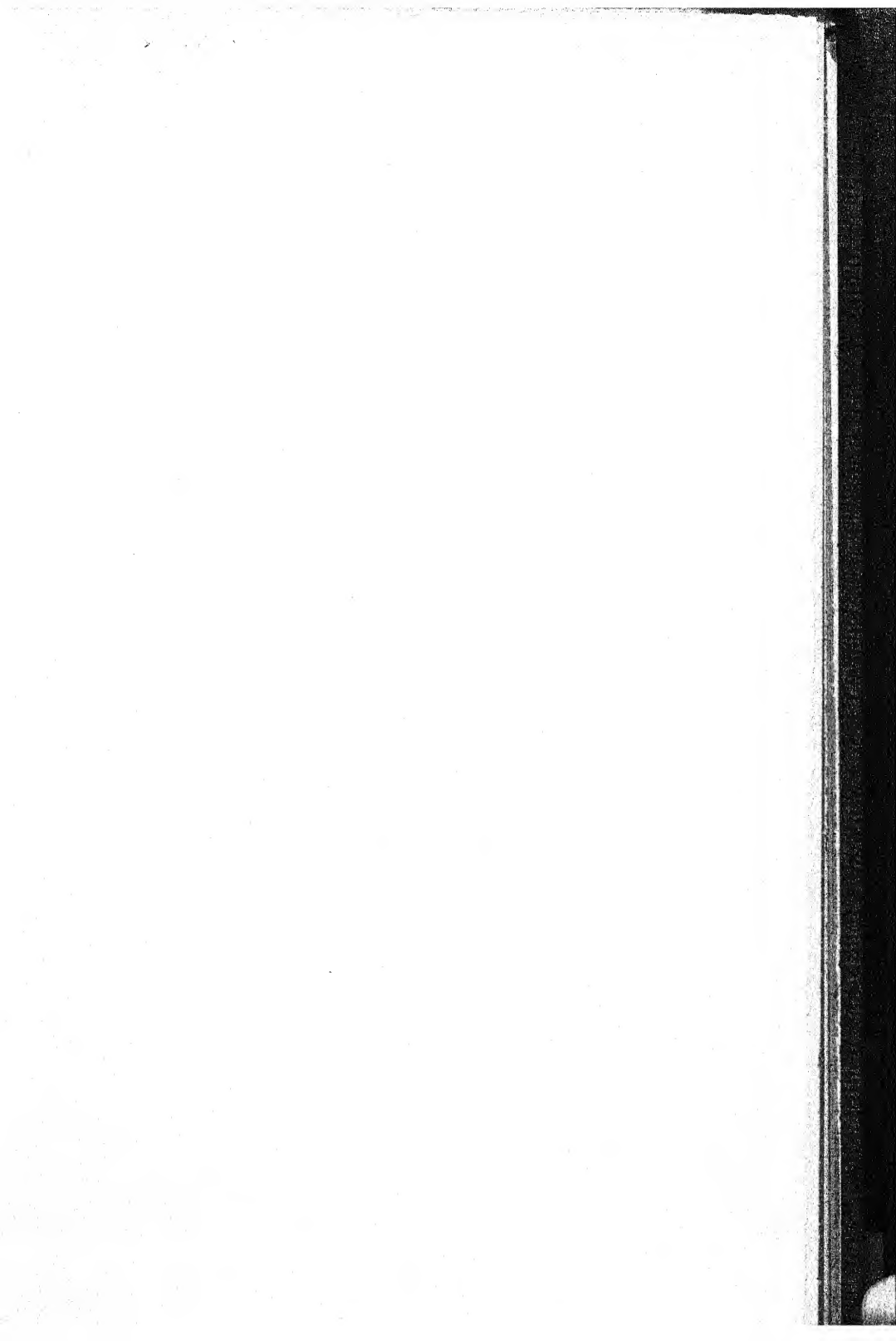
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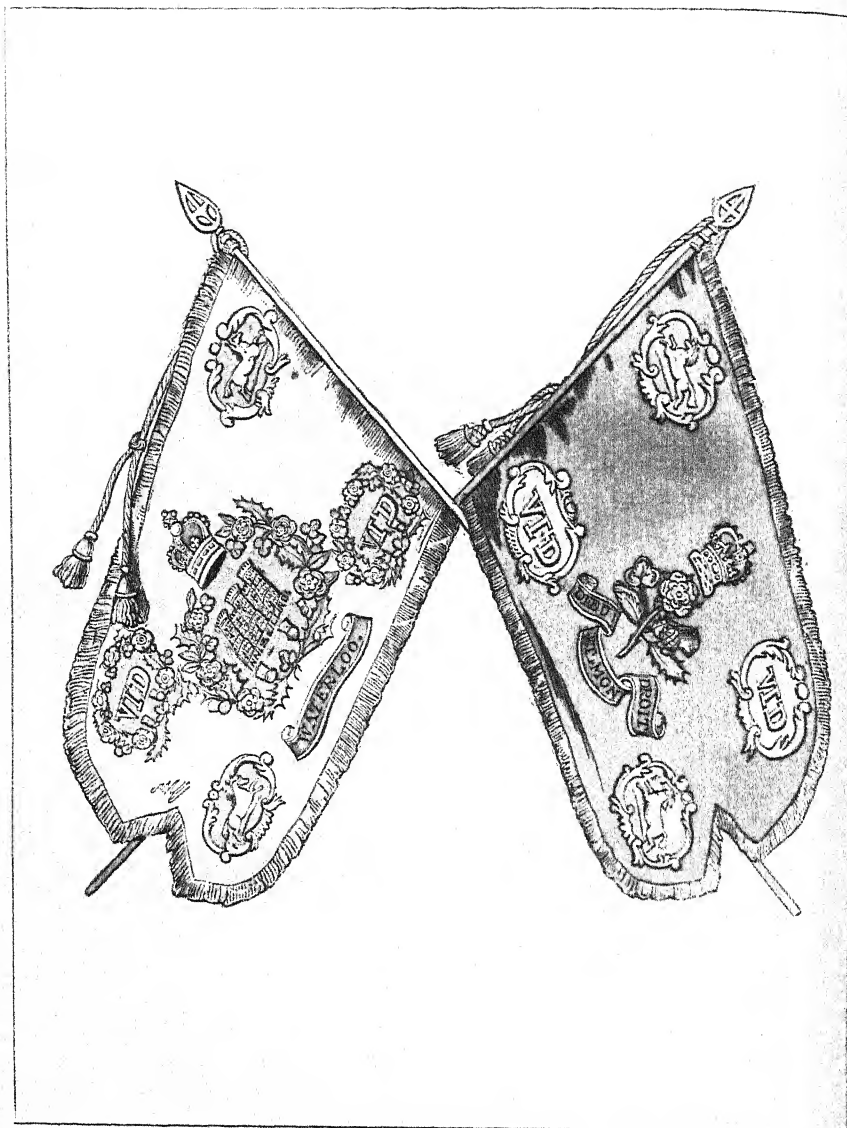
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THE circumstances under which the formation of the SIXTH, OR THE INNISKILLING REGIMENT OF DRAGOONS, took place, derived their origin from the political events of the reign of King James II., and from the diversity of religious sentiments entertained by His Majesty's subjects in Ireland.

In the twelfth century (1172) Ireland, which 1172 had been divided into a number of independent states, of which Munster, Leinster, Meath, Ulster, and Connaught were principal sovereignties, submitted to the authority of the English monarch Henry II. The religion of the people was the Roman Catholic, the same as generally prevailed in other parts of Europe; but two centuries after-

wards, the introduction of the reformed religion 1370 commenced (1370), and was completed in England 1534 in 1534, in the reign of Henry VIII. ; it, however, made little progress in Ireland, where the majority of the inhabitants continued Roman Catholics. The English, having embraced the Protestant religion, extended their reformed ecclesiastical institutions to Ireland, where many Protestant families fixed their residence and obtained possessions. The differences in religion, unfortunately, created hostile feelings between the English and Irish ; commotions occurred, and a military establishment was found necessary. This consisted of various numbers at different periods : after the 1660 Restoration in 1660, the Army of Ireland was composed of twenty troops of horse, a regiment of foot guards, and seventy companies of foot ; which were formed into three regiments of cavalry and eight of infantry, including the (Irish) foot 1684 guards\*, in 1684. In the following year King James II. ascended the throne, and instead of overlooking the nominal distinctions among his subjects, and seeking to promote the welfare of

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\* The second battalion of the Irish foot guards came to England at the Revolution, in 1688, and was disbanded by the Prince of Orange : the first battalion remained in Ireland until the treaty of Limerick, in 1691, when it followed King James to France, and was for many years in the service of Louis XIV. and his successors.

all, he commenced his endeavours to re-establish 1684 the Roman Catholic religion in the three kingdoms, by the most arbitrary proceedings in Ireland. Opposite views and interests were thus brought into collision; evil passions were called forth, which produced effects contrary to those designed, and the results embroiled Ireland in intestine war, and involved many families in misery. The King also commenced arbitrary proceedings in England, where a number of noblemen and gentlemen of property and influence, united in soliciting the Prince of Orange to come to England with an army to aid them in opposing the measures of the Court.

In the autumn of 1688 the Prince of Orange 1688 prepared an armament for England, when the army in Ireland was augmented with men of the Roman Catholic religion, who, not obtaining regular pay, were permitted to seize on the property of Protestants for subsistence: persecutions were also commenced against the latter, and a report was circulated of a design to massacre all persons of the reformed religion, on a named day, when many families fled to England, and others prepared to defend themselves.

Appearing on the western coast of England, as the supporter of civil and religious liberty, the Prince of Orange landed his army on the 5th of November; he was welcomed by the people,—



1688 joined by many noblemen,—by officers of rank and distinction, and by a number of soldiers, and he advanced by triumphant marches to the capital, where his arrival was celebrated with public rejoicings: King James vacated the throne, and escaped to France.

These events afforded the strongest encouragement to the Protestants of Ireland to make a bold resistance to the proceedings of their opponents, and to join in the same REVOLUTION which had secured the blessings of a constitutional monarchy, and of religious liberty, for England. The principles of self-defence stimulated them to make a daring effort for the preservation of their liberties, in the hope of being aided from England; and from the opposition thus made to illegal aggression, the SIXTH, OR THE INNISKILLING, REGIMENT OF DRAGOONS, derived its origin.

The city of LONDONDERRY, so called in consequence of a number of Londoners having settled there in the reign of James I., was garrisoned by Lord Montjoy's regiment, which had many Protestants in it: this corps was ordered to march towards Dublin, and the Earl of Antrim's newly-raised corps, all Catholics, was expected to be ready to take charge of the garrison; but some delay occurring, a town guard was organised; and when the Earl of Antrim's regiment approached, it was refused admittance: the gates



of the city were closed on the 7th of December, 1688 and the most determined resistance evinced by the inhabitants, who were encouraged by David Cairnes, Esq., of Knockmany, and other zealous gentlemen.

About the same period the inhabitants of INNISKILLING refused to allow two companies of Sir Thomas Newcomen's regiment to enter their town. Thus two important places were preserved from the power of the adherents of King James, and a military force was organised for their protection. Gustavus Hamilton, Esq., was elected governor of Inniskilling, and colonel of the troops of horse and companies of foot formed there, and Thomas Lloyd, Esq., lieutenant-colonel. Colonel Lundy was governor of Londonderry, situate about fifty-five English miles from Inniskilling. The Protestant inhabitants of the north of Ireland enrolled themselves for their mutual defence; but those who fell into the power of the adherents of King James were deprived of their arms and property, and treated with great severity.

The early part of the year 1689 was spent in 1689 active preparations for defence: a corps of horse, another of dragoons, and eight battalions of foot were formed, and applications were forwarded to England for military stores.

In February, the Prince and Princess of

1689 Orange were elevated to the throne, by the title of King William and Queen Mary, and their accession was proclaimed at Inniskilling on the 11th of March. On the following day King James landed at Kinsale from France; he was accompanied by five thousand French troops, and made his public entry into Dublin on the 24th of March, three days after the accession of William and Mary had been proclaimed at Londonderry.

In the mean time several encounters had taken place between the forces of King James and the newly-raised Protestant corps in the north of Ireland, in which many of the latter were overpowered; but the Inniskilling men were conspicuous for personal bravery, which they evinced on several occasions, and by their valour they preserved themselves from many of the calamities which befel others. On the approach of Lord Galmoy with a detachment of King James's army, the country people, fearing a general massacre, fled with their cattle and effects to Inniskilling. King James's troops besieged *Crom Castle*; but were driven from before the place with loss; and a party of his dragoons was seized at Armagh; a most gallant action was performed by two troops of horse and three companies of foot, under Mr. Matthew Anketill, by which *Monaghan Castle* was preserved; and on the 12th of March Lord Blayney defeated a body of the

Irish at *Ardtray bridge*. The success was, how- 1689  
ever, not always on one side: Captain Henry  
Hunter and a band of armed Protestants were  
surprised and destroyed, near Comber; and a  
party of Inniskilling men were slaughtered on  
the banks of the *Aughaclane*.

The army of King James advanced against  
*Londonderry*, to which city the Protestants of  
that part of the country fled as to their last  
refuge, and they defended the place with heroic  
gallantry against the numerous army by which  
it was besieged.

Colonels Thomas Cunningham and Solomon  
Richards arrived at Lough Foyle in the middle  
of April, with their regiments, the ninth and  
seventeenth foot, for the support of Derry; but  
in consequence of the misrepresentations of the  
governor, Colonel Lundy, who stated that there  
was not provision in the town for more than ten  
days, and that an army of 25,000 men was near  
the gates, they returned to England. The governor  
and town-council were desirous of surrendering;  
but when King James approached the town with  
his army, the garrison broke through all restraint  
—fired on the besieging force, killed several men,  
threatened to hang the governor and council for  
tampering with the enemy, and declared their  
resolution to defend the place to the last extre-  
mity. The governor escaped in disguise; a new



1689 council was chosen ; and the Reverend George Walker and Major Thomas Baker were nominated joint-governors during the siege.

The attack made by the army of King James having been repulsed, the town was invested on the 20th of April. The garrison of LONDONDERRY consisted of seven thousand untrained countrymen, without engineers ; the town was not well fortified ; twenty guns only were on the walls, and not one of them well mounted ; yet the city was successfully defended, for more than three months, against a formidable army, which proves how much depends on bravery and resolution. The garrison made several gallant sorties, and inflicted severe loss on the besieging troops.

Meanwhile the INNISKILLING men under Gustavus Hamilton were not inactive. Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd made a successful incursion into the enemy's quarters, took and burnt the fortifications of *Augher*, and returned to Inniskilling with an immense number of cattle. The same officer routed a body of King James's troops at *Belleek*, killing a hundred soldiers, taking thirty prisoners, and capturing two guns ; and he threw a relief into Ballyshannon on the 8th of May, without the loss of a man, which proved a brilliant commencement of aggressive warfare : he also captured the enemy's garrison at Redhill, and the castle of *Ballynecarreg*, in the county of

Cavan; and Captains Francis Gore and Arnold 1689 Crosbie brought off two hundred troop horses from a pasture at *Omagh*, which mounted three troops of Inniskilling men.

The garrison of Londonderry becoming distressed for want of provisions, the INNISKILLING men advanced to its relief; but the approach of a body of troops, under Major-General Sarsfield, to besiege Ballyshannon, and of another, under Colonel Sutherland, to Belturbet, with the view of besieging the town of INNISKILLING, obliged them to return and defend their own quarters. The gallant Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd was detached against *Belturbet*, from whence Colonel Sutherland fled, on the 15th of June, leaving a detachment of dragoons to defend the church, who surrendered, and the INNISKILLING men gained possession of a supply of ammunition and provisions, eighty troop horses with accoutrements, and seven hundred muskets, which enabled them to equip themselves better than before, and to add several new companies to their levies.

Meanwhile the garrison of Londonderry continued to defend that fortress with sanguinary perseverance, and few days passed without King James's army sustaining severe loss from the sallies of the resolute defenders of the place. The want of provisions occasioned the loss of many men from dysentery; and Governor Baker

1689 dying on the 30th of June, Colonel Mitchelburne was elected joint-governor with the Reverend Mr. Walker. The cruelties exercised on the inhabitants of the neighbouring towns and villages, to induce the garrison to surrender, stimulated the men to resistance. Major-General Kirke arrived on the 30th of June with two regiments of foot (the second and eleventh), and a supply of arms, ammunition and provisions, but was prevented from approaching the town by forts on the banks, and a boom across the river. After waiting a few days, he landed on the island of Inch, where he threw up entrenchments, and being joined by a number of countrymen, he formed the design of assembling a sufficient force for relieving the town by land. On the 12th of July he was visited on board his vessel by the Reverend Andrew Hamilton, and Mr. John Rider, who represented to him the state of affairs at INNISKILLING, and obtained a supply of arms, ammunition, and eight field-pieces; also commissions for a regiment of horse to be commanded by Colonel William Wolseley,—a regiment of dragoons of twelve troops, commanded by Colonel James Wynne (afterwards the fifth, or Royal Irish dragoons), and three regiments of foot, commanded by Colonels Zachariah Tiffin (now twenty-seventh), Gustavus Hamilton, and Thomas Lloyd, with a troop of cavalry to be attached to each battalion of infantry.



Before these corps were embodied, King 1689 James's generals, designing to crush the intrepid *Inniskilling* bands at once, sent three bodies of troops against them. Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd, by a forced march of twenty miles, surprised one division, under Major-General Sarsfield, in their camp by night, and although his opponents were five times more numerous than his own party he routed them with a dreadful slaughter. The Duke of Berwick, advancing with the second body of King James's army, destroyed two companies of *Inniskilling* foot sent forward to secure a pass, but when he came to the defences made to cover the approach to the town, he did not venture to attack them, but withdrew, and was soon afterwards ordered to join the army before Londonderry: he subsequently skirmished with a body of men which Major-General Kirke had landed at Rathmetan, but failed to dislodge them.

The third division of King James's army advancing against INNISKILLING was commanded by Major-General Justin M'Carthy, who had been created Viscount Mountcashel, and it was more formidable than the other two; but the INNISKILLING men had become emboldened by success, and they fearlessly advanced to meet their more numerous antagonists. Their leading column encountered and routed the Viscount

1689 Mountcashel's advance-guard, between Linaskea and Inniskilling on the 30th of July, slew two hundred men, and took thirty prisoners. In the afternoon of the same day, the INNISKILLING forces, amounting to about two thousand men, under Colonel Wolseley, attacked the opposing army, of very superior numbers, in a formidable position at *Newton Butler*. By forcing their way over numerous difficulties, and traversing a dangerous bog, the INNISKILLING men were enabled to assail the front of the adverse host, and their attack was made with so much audacity and heroic ardour, that the opposing ranks were panic-stricken, and fled in dismay. The gallant INNISKILLING men pursued at speed, and overtaking their adversaries among the bogs and loughs, slaughtered two thousand fugitives; about five hundred were drowned in attempting to escape across the deep waters, and nearly five hundred more were taken prisoners, including Viscount Mountcashel, and Colonel Anthony Hamilton. This surprising victory was gained with the loss of twenty men killed, and fifty wounded. Among the trophies of the day were one iron and seven brass guns, a number of standards and colours, a quantity of military stores, and the whole of the enemy's baggage.

Many of the INNISKILLING men, who had evinced great personal bravery, had not been

regimented, and SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM, a 1689 gentleman highly esteemed in the county, and who had been deprived of the appointment of Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance in Ireland, by King James, for his adherence to the reformed religion, was authorized to embody six hundred men, into a regiment of dragoons of twelve troops, of which he was appointed colonel; and the corps, thus formed of the distinguished champions for the institutions of their country, having been retained in the service of the Crown to the present period, now bears the title of the SIXTH, OR THE INNISKILLING, REGIMENT OF DRAGOONS.

While the most signal success attended the gallant INNISKILLING men, the garrison of Londonderry was distressed for want of provisions, and on the day that the battle of Newton Butler was fought, the ships Montjoy of Londonderry, and Phoenix of Coleraine, convoyed by the Dartmouth frigate, forced the boom under a heavy fire from the banks of the river, and, after encountering many difficulties, anchored at the ship-quay, to the great joy and relief of the brave defenders of the town. King James's generals were so dispirited by this success, and the loss at Newton Butler, that on the night of the 31st of July they raised the siege, which had occupied one hundred and five days, and retired, having



1689 lost from eight to nine thousand men, and many officers, in their fruitless attempt to reduce the city.

Thus terminated the siege of **LONDONDERRY**, which from the circumstances of its commencement, the sufferings endured during its progress, and the determined conduct of its brave defenders, ranks among the glorious achievements recorded in the annals of war. Governor Walker proceeded to England with an address, on the occasion, to King William and Queen Mary, and was received at Court with all the honour due to his distinguished services.

In the mean time an army was raising in England to aid in rescuing Ireland from the power of King James, and was placed under the orders of the veteran Marshal Frederick Duke Schomberg, who arrived in Ireland in August, with ten thousand men, and besieged Carrickfergus, which surrendered before the end of the month.

Twelve troops of Wolseley's horse, six troops of Wynne's (late fifth Royal Irish), and six of **CUNNINGHAM'S** (now **SIXTH**) dragoons, Tiffin's (now twenty-seventh) Inniskilling foot, and Mitchelburne's Londonderry regiment (afterwards disbanded), joined the army commanded by the Duke Schomberg, and were employed in the operations of the campaign. The **INNISKILLING** troopers had made their name a terror to their opponents, and were highly esteemed in the

English army. Story, the historian of these 1689 wars, states, 'I went three miles beyond the camp, where I met the *Inniskilling* horse and dragoons, whom the Duke had ordered to be an advance-guard to his army. I wondered much to see their horses and equipage, hearing before what feats had been done by them. They were three regiments in all, and most of the troopers and dragoons had their waiting-men mounted upon garrons (small horses); some of them had holsters, and others their pistols hung at their sword-belts.'

The same author adds, 'If these men had been permitted to go on in their old forward way, it is probable they would have saved the town of Newry being burnt.'

The INNISKILLING cavalry performed several feats of gallantry, on detached services, during the period the army was at the unhealthy camp at Dundalk; and subsequently returned to their own country for winter quarters.

Previous to the 1st of January, 1690, the 1690 Inniskilling cavalry had been considered more as corps of mounted militia, or of yeomanry cavalry, than as regular troops; but at that period the Inniskilling and Londonderry forces were placed on the establishment of the regular army. The following is an extract from King William's warrant on the occasion:—

## 1690 'WILLIAM R.

' WHEREAS we have thought fit to forme a  
 ' regiment of horse, together with two regiments  
 ' of dragoons, and three regiments of foot, out of  
 ' Our INNISKILLING forces, and to take them into  
 ' our pay and entertainment, we do hereby pass  
 ' this Our establishment of the said forces, to com-  
 ' mence on the 1st day of January, 1689-90, in  
 ' the first year of our reign\*.'

## INNISKILLING FORCES.

	Officers and Soldiers.	Amount per Annum.
A regiment of horse, of twelve troops.	714	40,207 15 10
Two regiments of dragoons, of eight troops each . . . . .	1162	41,415 6 8
Three regiments of foot, of thirteen companies each . . . . .	2781	48,435 10 0

## LONDONDERRY FORCES.

Two regiments of foot, of thirteen com- panies each . . . . .	1854	32,290 6 8
Total . . . . .	6511	162,348 19 2

\* The regiment of horse was disbanded after the treaty of Ryswick, in 1697.

The two regiments of dragoons were retained on the establishment of the army, and were subsequently numbered as—

The V. Royal Irish Dragoons, and  
 The VI., or the Inniskilling Dragoons.

The three regiments of foot were consolidated into one, which is now the *Twenty-seventh*, or the Inniskilling regiment of foot.

The Londonderry regiments were disbanded.



CUNNINGHAM'S INNISKILLING dragoons formed 1690 part of the force with which Colonel Wolseley captured the town of *Belturbet*, which was occupied as a frontier garrison. The colonel having afterwards learnt that his opponents were about to assemble at *Cavan*, to attack his quarters, left Belturbet on the evening of the 10th of February, 1690, with three troops of horse, two of the INNISKILLING dragoons, and seven hundred foot of Kirke's (now second), Wharton's (now twelfth), Tiffin's (now twenty-seventh), and proceeded by a circuitous route towards Cavan, with the intention of surprising his opponents in their quarters, before the arrival of their expected reinforcements. Having passed the river at midnight, at a ford two miles above Ballyhaise,—the infantry on horseback behind the troopers,—he moved quietly towards Cavan, but met with obstructions which delayed his march, and the day had dawned when he drew near the town, when, to his great astonishment, he saw upwards of three thousand men, commanded by the Duke of Berwick, formed on a rising ground to oppose him. The disparity of numbers was great; but trusting to the innate valour of his soldiers, he sent forward a hundred INNISKILLING dragoons to commence the action. As they advanced along a narrow lane, they were

1690 galled by the fire of musketry from behind the hedges, charged by a body of cavalry, and driven back ; but a volley from the musketeers checked the enemy, and the troops continued their march. After deploying in front of the enemy, a reserve was ordered to halt, and Colonel Wolseley advanced with the remainder in order of battle. As he ascended the position, the enemy raised a loud shout and fired a volley ; but the balls passed over the heads of Wolseley's men, who continued to advance until they arrived within forty paces of their opponents, and then opened a sharp fire with good effect. The infantry, slinging their muskets, were about to charge sword in hand, when, the smoke clearing away, they discovered King James's infantry flying to the fort in a panic, and the cavalry galloping towards the town. Wolseley's men rushed forward, and entering the town, found stores of provisions, shoes, ammunition, and brass money ; the temptation being great, they commenced plundering, when the enemy's infantry sallied out of the fort, and resumed the fight. Wolseley attacked them with his reserve, and the soldiers hurrying out of the town, and joining in the contest, their opponents were driven back with the loss of three hundred men killed, and about two hundred taken prisoners ; the Duke of

Berwick narrowly escaped, having had his horse killed under him.

Colonel Wolseley had about thirty men killed. He observed, in his public despatch, 'Our men showed on this, as on former occasions, 'a very great forwardness to engage the enemy, 'notwithstanding the inequality of their numbers, 'and gave new proofs of their courage and 'bravery, particularly Major-General Kirke's 'men\*.' After destroying the stores and ammunition which they were unable to remove, the detachment returned to its quarters; and the enemy, having discovered the resolute character of the troops in Belturbet, laid aside the design of attacking them.

On the night of the 4th of March, a detachment of INNISKILLING cavalry, with fifty men of Colonel Erle's regiment, scoured the country to the vicinity of Cavan; and on the following morning attacked and carried a fortified post at *Butler's bridge*, killing twenty men and taking sixteen prisoners; then joining another detachment, drove a body of the enemy from the houses of Cavan, and completed the destruction of the town.

Provisions becoming scarce at Belturbet,

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\* *London Gazette.*

1690 Colonel Wolseley sent out two hundred INNISKILLING horse and dragoons, who scoured the country beyond Cavan and captured a thousand head of cattle. Returning with their booty, they found four hundred of the enemy formed up at the river to oppose their passage; undaunted by superior numbers, the INNISKILLING troopers rushed, sword in hand, upon their antagonists, and a few moments' conflict decided the fortune of the day; forty of King James's soldiers lay dead on the field, eight were taken prisoners, and the remainder escaped; the INNISKILLING men proceeded with their booty to Belturbet.

On the 6th of April another detachment of seven hundred men, from the regiments of Kirke, Erle, and Groven's Danes, with a party of INNISKILLING horse and dragoons, advanced from Belturbet to the castle of *Killeshandra*, which they besieged and captured after a slight resistance; and in May a detachment of CUNNINGHAM's INNISKILLING dragoons was engaged in the capture of the castle of *Ballinacargy*. Thus these gallant horsemen succeeded in every enterprise in which they were engaged, their fame spread to distant parts, and they were a terror to their adversaries. They ventured on the most dangerous undertakings, and a detachment scoured the country to *Kells*, within twenty-seven miles of Dublin,



and returned with a supply of cattle and provisions. 1690

In June, King William arrived in Ireland, accompanied by Prince George of Denmark, and a number of noblemen; the eyes of all Europe were fixed on that country, where two kings were to contend for a crown on a public theatre, and the singular spectacle was exhibited of two princes (the Prince of Orange and the Prince of Denmark) fighting against the father of their wives (King James), and of a nephew at the head of an army against his uncle; it was, however, a contest between liberty and slavery,—between constitutional freedom and despotism. King William headed his army of English, Dutch, Brandenburgers, Danes, and French; and King James took up a position behind the river *Boyne*, with his own forces, and six thousand French and Swiss troops, furnished by Louis XIV.

On the 1st of July a general engagement took place, when the INNISKILLING dragoons had the honour of distinguishing themselves under the eye of their sovereign. On this occasion, the right wing of the English army, under the Count de Schomberg, and the centre under the Duke Schomberg, had forced the passage of the river, and were engaged, when King William drew his sword, and placing himself at the head of four troops of the INNISKILLING cavalry, told them, that

1690 having heard a great deal of their bravery, he had no doubt of witnessing it, and he led them towards the river, followed by several other corps of cavalry and infantry. The four captains requested His Majesty not to expose his person by crossing the river within shot of the enemy, but his reply was, "I will see you over." When in the middle of the stream, a volley from a regiment of the enemy's dragoons brought down one man, killed Captain Blashford's horse, and one bullet struck one of His Majesty's pistols\*. Arriving on the opposite bank, the King threw off the bandage from his shoulder, which had been wounded on the preceding day, and brandishing his sword, led the INNISKILLING men, and other troops which had passed the river with him, against a body of King James's soldiers, three times more numerous than themselves, who were advancing towards him with fury. Intimidated by the dauntless bearing of the soldiers with King William, the enemy halted, faced about, and fled towards Donore; and the INNISKILLING cavalry rushed forward, sword in hand, with great intrepidity. The other corps which had followed His Majesty, pursued the enemy as far as Donore, where they were charged by superior numbers, and forced

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\* *Narrative of the Battle of the Boyne*, by Captain RICHARESON.



back. The King again placed himself at the 1690 head of the brave INNISKILLING soldiers, and while leading them forward, sustained a volley of musketry, from which several men and horses fell ; he then turned to his left to enable his men to charge ; this was mistaken for a signal for them also to wheel to the left, and they fell back a short distance ; but quickly discovering their error, they confronted their adversaries, and dashing forward with distinguished gallantry, overthrew the opposing ranks. The battle exhibited all the horrors of civil war ; English fought with English, Irish with Irish, and French against French ; at the same time Dutch, Danes, Swiss, and Brandenburgers were mingled in the fray,—the colours and standards of various nations floating over the scene of combat. The Duke of Berwick's horse was killed, and he was trampled upon by the combatants. King William was in the hottest of the fight, encouraging his men, and the INNISKILLING dragoons were seen bravely contending for the victory.

Scarcely had SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM'S dragoons (now SIXTH) reformed their ranks after the charge, when General de Ginkell, and a party of Dutch dragoons, were seen retreating in disorder along a narrow lane, followed by crowds of the enemy, shouting and brandishing their swords ; part of the INNISKILLING regiment

1690 instantly dismounted, also a detachment of Leveson's (now Third) dragoons, and throwing themselves into an old house, and lining the hedge of the lane, opened such a brisk fire, that the pursuing Irish faced about and fled. The cavalry returned to the charge; the adverse army sustained a decisive overthrow, and fled from the field. Story observes of this action, "Those of our English forces that were engaged, and had opportunity to show themselves, gave signal demonstrations of their courage and bravery; the INNISKILLINERS and French (protestants in King William's service), both horse and foot, did good service; and the Dutch guards deserve no small honour for their conduct on that day\*."

No return of the loss of the regiment on this occasion has been met with; but at the muster at Finglas, seven days after the battle, it brought three hundred private dragoons into the field, which is nearly one hundred less than the establishment.

King James fled to Dublin, and immediately afterwards embarked for France; and King William, directing his march to the capital, gained possession of that city without loss. After this success, the SIXTH dragoons formed part of

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\* STORY'S *Continuation*, p. 25.

a body of troops detached under Lieutenant-1690 General Douglas against *Athlone*. Arriving before the town, a summons to surrender was sent to the governor, the veteran Colonel Grace, who fired a pistol at the messenger and declared his determination to defend the place. Not having artillery and ammunition sufficient to prosecute the siege, the troops withdrew from before the town, and rejoined the army.

The regiment was subsequently employed before *Limerick*, which city was besieged by the English army. On the 11th of August, as the regiment lay encamped near Limerick, information arrived of the destruction of the battering train on its march to join the army by a numerous body of Irish cavalry under Brigadier-General Sarsfield (formerly an officer of the English life guards); SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM instantly issued from the camp with two squadrons of his dragoons, and dashing across the country, intercepted one of the enemy's detachments, which he charged with signal gallantry, slew one major, one captain, and twenty men; but their main body escaped.

When King William raised the siege of Limerick and returned to England, CUNNINGHAM's dragoons were ordered into winter quarters; but were suddenly recalled in consequence of Brigadier-General Sarsfield having invested the castle

1690 of *Birr*, in the King's County :—after the flight of the enemy from before this post, they remained encamped near *Birr*, while additional fortifications were being raised, and subsequently went into quarters.

1691 In the month of May, 1691, several ships arrived at Dublin from England with men and provisions, and great diligence was used in preparing for an early and vigorous campaign : the INNISKILLING dragoons took the field this summer, and joined the army commanded by Lieutenant-General de Ginkell, on the 6th of June, on its march towards *Ballymore*, which place was captured after a short resistance. *Athlone* was also taken, and the army advanced against the French and Irish forces under General St. Ruth, in position near *Aghrim*, in the county of Galway, about three miles beyond Ballinasloe.

Arriving in front of the enemy about mid-day on the 12th of July, the English and Dutch regiments of horse guards, and a squadron of CUNNINGHAM's dragoons, were sent forward to force the enemy from a pass in the middle of a bog which lay in front of the Irish army, in which service they succeeded ; and two hundred men of the regiment drove the enemy from a ford on the right of the opposing army in gallant style, and from the pass of Urachree. St. Ruth sent forward fresh troops, and the INNISKILLING dragoons being



also supported, a considerable body of troops was 1691 soon engaged at this point, and the enemy was eventually driven back. The English generals met, and after some deliberation, resolved on a general engagement, and between four and five in the afternoon the battle began. After several hours' sharp fighting, in which the INNISKILLING men gave fresh proofs of their innate bravery and contempt of danger, the adverse army sustained a decisive overthrow, and was chased from the field of battle until the darkness of the night and a thick misty rain put an end to the pursuit. During the action, the French general, St. Ruth, was killed by a cannon ball, as he rode down Kilcommoden hill, and his fall so dismayed King James's army that it was soon thrown into confusion and routed.

CUNNINGHAM'S INNISKILLING dragoons had one lieutenant, one cornet, and forty-one non-commissioned officers and private soldiers killed; one captain, one lieutenant, and twenty-seven men wounded on this occasion.

After the victory at Aghrim, the army advanced to *Galway*, and the INNISKILLING dragoons were employed before this fortress during the siege, which was terminated on the 21st of July, by the surrender of the place. The English forces subsequently moved towards Limerick, where the wreck of King James's army was

1691 assembled ; but SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM was left with his regiment of dragoons in the county of Galway.

*Sligo* was subsequently invested by a circular chain of posts at a distance from the town, and one troop of the INNISKILLING dragoons was stationed at the abbey of Ashro, near Ballyshannon, and the remainder at Loughrea, Hedford, and Shrewl. The governor of Sligo, Sir Teague O'Regan, proposed conditions for surrendering the town ; but afterwards receded, when a closer blockade of the place was resolved upon.

At the same time SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM was directed to proceed with his regiment to Castlebar, to join the Irish forces under Sir Baldearg O'Donnel, who had agreed to abandon the interests of King James, and to join the English army with his brigade.

This Baldearg, or Balderick, O'Donnel, was descended from one of the branches of the Tyrconnel family ; his ancestors having fled to Spain after the rebellion of 1607, he was born and educated in that country. The Irish, with their characteristic superstition, cherished an idle prophecy, that a descendant of that old family, who would be distinguished by a red mark, as this man was, would free their country from the English yoke. The coincidence of his family and name,—Derg, or Darg, signifying red, induced them to send for



him from Spain, and he arrived at Limerick in 1691 September, 1690, when thousands flocked to him; but he disappointed their expectations, and achieved nothing worthy of record. After the battle of Aghrim, he was so alarmed, that he kept, with his followers, in the mountains in the county of Mayo for some time, and at length tendered his submission to the government of King William, and promised to bring a considerable number of men over with him, for a stipulated reward.

When the INNISKILLING dragoons arrived at Castlebar, O'Donnel's men were found in a state of mutiny, many of them resolving to adhere to the interest of King James; but the commotion was eventually appeased, and they arrayed themselves under King William's banners. On the 4th of September SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM took post with part of his regiment at *Coloony*, five miles south of Sligo, intending to join O'Donnel on the following day, and approach nearer the besieged town. During the night seven hundred select men of King James's army, commanded by Colonel Scott, issued from Sligo, and, being favoured by a foggy morning, surprised the detachment of INNISKILLING dragoons in their camp near Coloony, at day-break on the following morning. The troopers finding themselves suddenly assailed by superior numbers, mounted

1691 their horses and galloped to Abbey Royle, in the county of Roscommon. The enemy killed about twenty men, took SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM prisoner, and captured the tents, cloaks, and baggage belonging to the dragoons.

After the brave and humane SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM was made prisoner, an Irish serjeant approached him and said, 'Albert is your name, and by an H—albert you shall die,' and instantly speared him on the spot. 'Thus fell SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM, as gallant and worthy an officer as any in the King's service\*.'

Part of O'Donnel's brigade arriving on the following day, the enemy was driven back into Sligo, and all the baggage, &c., was recaptured.

After the death of SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM the Regiment was commanded, until King William's pleasure was made known, by the lieutenant-colonel, ROBERT ECHLIN.

A body of troops was assembled for the reduction of *Sligo*, and placed under the orders of the Earl of Granard, and Colonel Mitchelburne, to whom this fortress was delivered up on the 13th of September.

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\* HARRIS'S *Life of King William*. This author states, that Colonel Sir Albert Cunningham was the father of General Henry Cunningham, of the Eighth Dragoons, who was killed in Spain. *Vide the Record of the Eighth Hussars.*

In the meantime the army commanded by 1691 General De Ginkell had besieged *Limerick*, and the surrender of that city, and of all other forts and garrisons, in September, terminated the war in Ireland; the champions of constitutional liberty having triumphed over all opposition.

Thus the gallant INNISKILLING men, who composed the SIXTH regiment of dragoons, had the satisfaction of witnessing the deliverance of their country from the continued effects of civil war, and the blessings of peace once more diffusing themselves over the land. They had purchased these advantages with their swords, many of them had toiled, and fought, and bled in the cause of civil and religious liberty, and they had the proud distinction of receiving the expressions of their Sovereign's approbation and their country's gratitude. King William also rewarded the services of their lieutenant-colonel, ROBERT ECHLIN, with the colonelcy of the regiment, by commission dated the 30th of December, 1691. The thanks of Parliament were communicated to Lieutenant-General De Ginkell, and the officers and soldiers who served under his orders, and the lieutenant-general was afterwards created EARL OF ATHLONE, Viscount Aghrim, and Baron of Ballymore.

Although the war in Ireland was terminated, 1692 yet the known hostile spirit of a great portion of the inhabitants to the established government,

1692 and the attempts made from time to time by Louis XIV. to replace King James on the throne, rendered the presence of a considerable number of troops, in whom the utmost reliance could be placed, necessary in that country ; and ECHLIN's Inniskilling dragoons, having proved their attachment and fidelity to King William, their devotion to the principles of the Revolution, and their usefulness in every description of service, were employed in Ireland during the remainder of His Majesty's reign.

1694 The first of the two regiments of Inniskilling dragoons, commanded by Colonel James Wynne, served under King William in Flanders, and obtained the title of 'THE ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT OF DRAGOONS;' Colonel ECHLIN's regiment received no change of designation ; but has retained its title of "INNISKILLING DRAGOONS" to the present time ; it was numbered the "SIXTH DRAGOONS" in the reign of George II.

1702 During the early part of the reign of Queen Anne the INNISKILLING DRAGOONS remained in Ireland ; they were reviewed at Athlone, in July,

1703 1703, by the lord-lieutenant, General the Duke of Ormond, who was pleased to compliment the commanding officer on their appearance and discipline.

1706 In the summer of 1706, the regiment was encamped on the Kurragh of Kildare.



The King of France having made preparations, 1708 in the spring of 1708, for landing the Pretender with a body of troops in Scotland, to aid him in his projected attempt to ascend the British throne, the INNISKILLING dragoons were held in readiness to embark for Scotland; but the French fleet having been chased from the British shores, the regiment remained in Ireland until the following autumn, when it landed on the English coast, and was stationed, during the winter, in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

The regiment was withdrawn from its canton-1709 ments in the early part of 1709, and proceeded 1710 to Scotland, where it remained during the three 1711 following years. 1712

Returning to England after the peace of Utrecht, the regiment was stationed in Cumber-1713 land.

In September, 1714, the regiment again 1714 occupied quarters in Scotland, and the officers, with those of Brigadier-General Hans Hamilton's (now Sixteenth foot), celebrated at Stirling the arrival of King George I. from Hanover, with public rejoicings.

Lieut.-General Echlin retired from the regi-1715 ment in March, 1715, and was succeeded by JOHN EARL OF STAIR, who had been removed from the Scots Greys, by Queen Anne's ministry, in April of the preceding year.



1715 The regiment was stationed in Lancashire in the spring of 1715, and in June one squadron was employed in suppressing riots at Manchester. Soon afterwards the Regiment marched to Scotland, and in the autumn, it was encamped at Stirling, under Major-General Wightman.

Encouraged by promises of aid from the Continent, the Earl of Mar raised the standard of the Pretender in the Highlands, and assembled an army of ten thousand men. The camp at Stirling was afterwards augmented by additional forces, and the Duke of Argyle assumed the command; but the rebels exceeded in numbers the king's troops.

Ten thousand rebels, headed by the Earl of Mar, were on the march to cross the Forth and penetrate towards England, when the Duke of Argyle quitted the camp at Stirling, with a body of troops of less than four thousand men, to oppose the progress of the rebels, and on the morning of Sunday the 13th of November the two armies confronted each other on *Sheriffmuir* near *Dumblain*. The Inniskilling dragoons formed two strong squadrons; the first squadron was posted, with the Royal North British (second) and Evans' (fourth) dragoons, on the right of the king's army; and the second squadron, with Carpenter's (third) and Kerr's (seventh) dragoons, was stationed on the left. The rebels attempting

to turn the right, the dragoons on that flank 1715 dashed forward sword in hand, and commenced the action by a furious charge on the left wing of the rebel army. A sharp conflict ensued; but soon the clash of swords and report of pistols ceased, and the insurgent bands were seen falling back in confusion; while the Greys, Evans', and INNISKILLING dragoons, resolute men on powerful horses, rode onward, sabring the astonished Highlanders, who fled in dismay, and the Buffs (third foot) and other infantry corps on the right, followed the victorious dragoons in their triumphant career. The rebels, having great superiority of numbers, attempted to rally several times; but the dragoons galloped forward with admirable courage, and breaking through every opposition, pursued their adversaries to the banks of the river Allan, where they were ordered to halt.

In the mean time the left wing of the King's army had been defeated; six hundred Highlanders surprised the infantry in the act of forming, and put them into confusion; but Carpenter's, Kerr's, and the squadron of INNISKILLING dragoons on the left flank, charged and defeated the rebel horsemen opposed to them, and captured a standard. The infantry of this wing being in disorder, the advantage gained by the dragoons was not pursued any further. Both armies

1715 claimed the victory, each having a wing victorious and a wing defeated ; but the King's forces succeeded in preventing the march of the rebels southwards, and consequently the advantage was on the side of the Royal army.

The INNISKILLING dragoons had seven men and twelve horses killed ; six men and fifteen horses wounded. In some of the numerous accounts of this battle which were published at the time, the INNISKILLING dragoons are styled the *black dragoons*, from which it is presumed they were mounted on black horses exclusively.

1716 Returning to Stirling with the army, the INNISKILLING dragoons resumed their former station in the camp near that city, where they remained until January, 1716, when, additional forces having arrived, they advanced through snow and over ice to Perth. The rebel army dispersed, and the leaders in the rebellion fled to France.

1717 After the suppression of this commotion, the regiment was quartered at Aberdeen, from whence it marched southwards, and was stationed in Cumberland ; but returned to Scotland in June, 1717 ; and in the autumn of that year occupied cantonments near Glasgow. At the same time the establishment was fixed at six troops, of three officers, one quarter-master, and forty-five non-commissioned officers and soldiers each.



The regiment appears to have passed the succeeding ten years in Scotland. In July, 1725, it was employed in suppressing riots at Glasgow, and was encamped near that city; and in October, 1726, the Greys and INNISKILLING dragoons were reviewed in brigade at Musselburgh by Lieutenant-General Wade.

Leaving Scotland in the spring of 1728, the regiment proceeded to Carlisle, Penrith, and Kendal, where it halted a week, and afterwards continued its march southwards, and was quartered in Berkshire. On the 3rd of June it was reviewed on Datchet Common by King George II., who expressed his approbation of its appearance and discipline.

After the review the INNISKILLING dragoons marched back to Lancashire; in December their quarters were extended to Northumberland; and in March, 1729, they were ordered to return to Scotland, where they passed the succeeding three years.

In the spring of 1733, the regiment was ordered to march for England, and in June furnished detachments on coast duty in Essex, on which service it was employed during the following year.

The Earl of Stair having joined the opposition against Sir Robert Walpole was removed

1734 from the regiment, and was succeeded in the colonelcy by Charles Lord Cadogan from the Fourth foot, by commission dated the 19th of June, 1734.

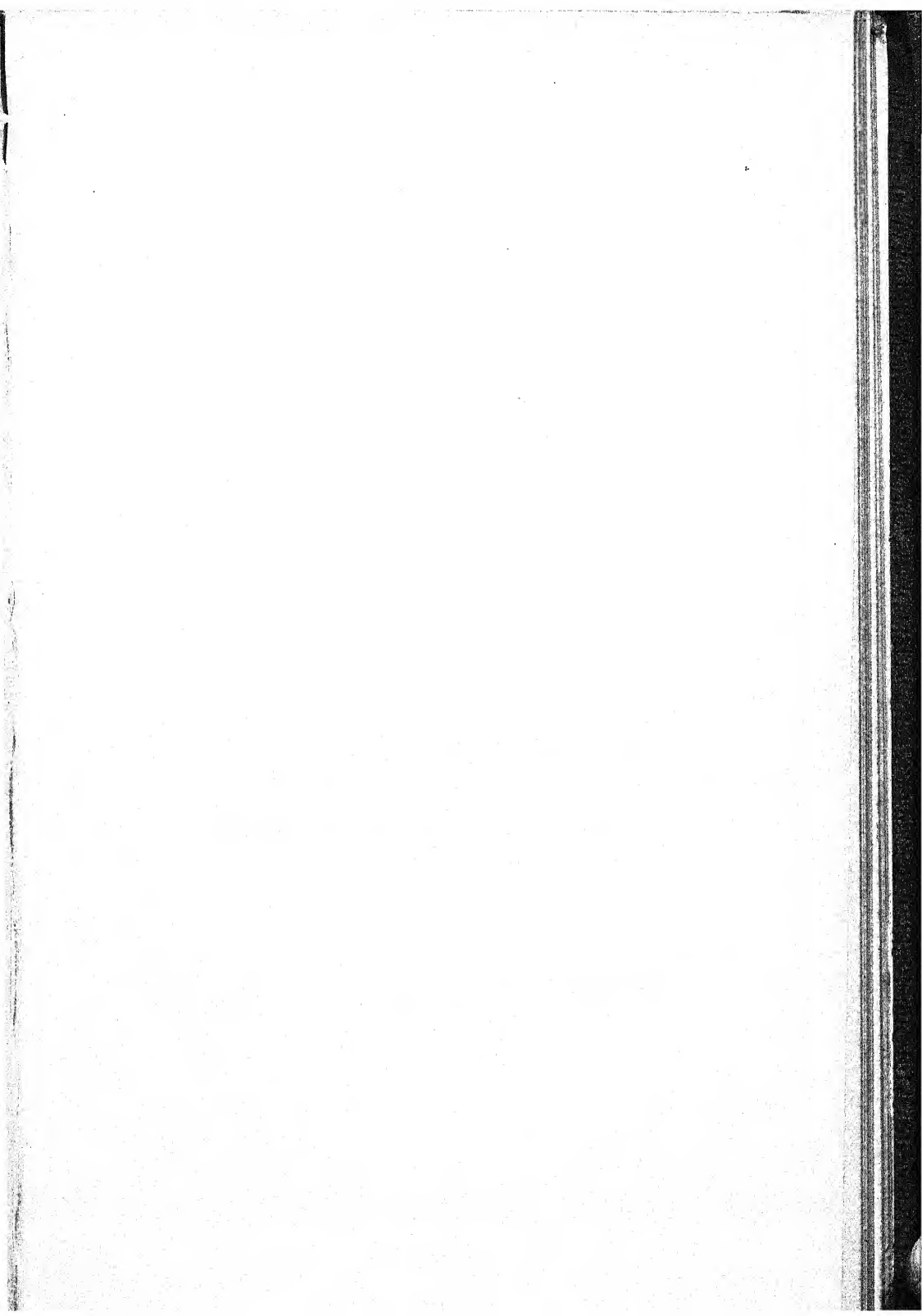
1735 The regiment remained in the south of England, and was employed on coast duty during the 1736 years 1735 and 1736 ; in May, 1737, it marched 1737 to Nottingham and Derby ; and in April, 1738, 1738 into Lincolnshire, and furnished detachments for the prevention of smuggling along the coast.

At this period the establishment was six troops of three officers, one quarter-master, two sergeants, three corporals, two drummers, one hautboy, and forty-nine private men per troop ; but on the breaking out of the war with Spain, 1739 in 1739, an augmentation of one sergeant and ten men per troop was ordered, making a total of four hundred and thirty-five officers and men, including the staff.

1740 The regiment continued to occupy quarters in Lincolnshire in 1740.

1741 In the summer of 1741, when the Elector of Bavaria, aided by the French monarch, attempted to deprive the Archduchess Maria Theresa, of Hungary and Bohemia, the INNISKILLING dragoons were directed to hold themselves in readiness to proceed on foreign service, and were encamped on Lexden Heath, with six other regi-







Sixth (Inniskilling) Dragoons, 1742.

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ments of cavalry and seven of infantry ; but no 1741 embarkation took place, and in the autumn they went into quarters.

In 1742 King George II. sent sixteen thousand men to Flanders, under Field-Marshal the Earl of Stair, to support the interests of the house of Austria ; and the INNISKILLING dragoons were selected for this service. After landing at Ostend, the regiment marched to Ghent, where it was quartered several weeks, and subsequently proceeded to Brussels.

From Brabant, the INNISKILLING dragoons 1743 marched, in the beginning of 1743, for Germany, and in May they formed, with the Third dragoons, three battalions of foot guards, and two regiments of the line, a detached camp below the town of Hochst.

While in Germany, the lieutenant-colonel, JAMES GARDINER, was promoted to the colonelcy of the Thirteenth dragoons\*.

Lord Cadogan, having been removed to the second troop (now second regiment) of life guards, was succeeded in the colonelcy by Field-marshal the Earl of Stair, by commission dated the 25th of April, 1743.

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\* A memoir of this distinguished officer is given in the Record of the Thirteenth Light Dragoons.

1743 In the early part of June the INNISKILLING dragoons crossed the Maine and encamped at Aschaffenberg, where King George II. and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland joined the army.

Leaving Aschaffenberg on the morning of the 16th of June, the army moved in columns along the banks of the Maine to join the Hanoverians and Hessians at Hanau. The French under Marshal Noailles crossed the river, and taking up a formidable position between the Maine and the mountains near *Dettingen*, prepared to oppose the march of the allies : at the same time the French commander seized the bridge at Aschaffenberg, to cut off the retreat of his opponents. These movements brought on a general engagement, and the INNISKILLING dragoons had an opportunity of signalizing themselves under the eye of their sovereign.

While the allied army was forming for battle, the INNISKILLING dragoons and other cavalry covered the operation, and were exposed to the enemy's cannon. The French household troops, headed by the princes of the blood, became impatient of inactivity, and quitting their advantageous position, galloped forward to commence the action. The British cavalry advanced to meet their antagonists, and were repulsed ; but a volley

from the British infantry destroyed several French 1743 squadrons, and the English troopers returning to the charge, drove back their opponents. The battle extended along the line, and the British, Austrian, and Hanoverian infantry, fiercely encountering the French battalions, gained advantage after advantage, until the fortune of the day was so evidently in their favour that the result was no longer doubtful. Meanwhile the charges of the cavalry were frequent and sanguinary. Bland's (third) dragoons, and the INNISKILLING troopers charged and overpowered a superior body of horse, then rushed sword in hand upon a line of French cuirassiers, whose polished armour proved ineffectual against the prowess and resolution of the British dragoons fighting in the presence of their King. The life-guards, blues, King's horse, (now first dragoon guards), and Ligonier's troopers (now seventh dragoon guards), behaved nobly; the royals and greys captured each a standard\*; and Rich's (fourth) and Cope's (seventh) dragoons had their share in the combat. Unable to withstand the fury of the charging Britons, the French gave way, and were driven across the Maine with such precipitation, that many men were drowned in the river.

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\* Four other standards were also captured, and several pairs of kettle drums; but the regiments which captured them are not known.



1743 The INNISKILLING dragoons returned from the pursuit and bivouacked near the scene of conflict. Their loss was two men and eighteen horses killed; and one man and nine horses wounded. On the following day they continued their march to Hanau, where they were encamped until the beginning of August, when they proceeded towards the Rhine, and having passed that river, were employed in West Germany; the King having his head-quarters at the episcopal palace of Worms, and afterwards at Spire. In October His Majesty marched the army back to Mentz, from whence the INNISKILLING dragoons continued their route to Flanders, where they passed the winter.

1744 The regiment served the campaign of 1744 with the army commanded by Field-Marshal Wade; and after encamping for some time behind the Scheldt, was employed in an incursion into the French territory, and in collecting contributions. In October the regiment went into winter quarters at Ghent.

1745 Having been withdrawn from their cantonments in April, 1745, the INNISKILLING dragoons encamped near Brussels, where they were reviewed by the Duke of Cumberland, and subsequently advanced with the army commanded by His Royal Highness to attack the French, who had commenced the siege of Tournay with an

immense body of troops under the command of 1745 Marshal Saxe. One squadron of the regiment formed part of the force which drove in the enemy's out-guards, on the 28th of April (O.S.).

The French occupied a fortified camp, protected by immense batteries, near the village of *Fontenoy*; and the INNISKILLING dragoons supported the infantry in their attacks on this formidable position; on which occasion the English foot-guards, and several regiments of the line, displayed signal valour and intrepidity, and carried the enemy's trenches in gallant style; but the Dutch having failed in their attempt on the village of Fontenoy, and the French battery in the wood of Barri not having been stormed according to order, the troops, which had forced the position, were unable to maintain their ground. Towards the close of the action, the cavalry was ordered forward, and several corps charged with great spirit and resolution, but were unable to retrieve the fortune of the day; and a retreat having been ordered, the army withdrew to Aeth. In this action the INNISKILLING dragoons evinced the same forward bearing and firmness as on former occasions. Their loss was Quarter-master Baird, three men, and nineteen horses killed; eleven men and seven horses wounded.

The army encamped on the plains of Lessines;

1745 and while the INNISKILING dragoons were at this camp, their Colonel, Field-Marshal the Earl of Stair, was removed to the Scots greys, and was succeeded by John Earl of Rothes, by commission dated the 29th of May, 1745.

After the surrender of Fontenoy the French army advanced, and having an immense superiority of numbers, the allies withdrew, and took up a position to cover Brussels. The INNISKILLING dragoons encamped near Meerbeck, and subsequently on the canal between Ghent and Brussels.

Meanwhile a rebellion, headed by Charles Edward, eldest son of the Pretender, had broken out in Scotland, and many British regiments were ordered to return home. The INNISKILLING dragoons marched, during the winter, to Williamstadt, in North Brabant, and towards the end of 1746 February, 1746, embarked for England; but the transports were driven by tempestuous weather back into the harbour, and the troops disembarked. The rebellion having been suppressed shortly afterwards, the order for their return was countermanded, and they went into quarters on the frontiers of Holland.

Quitting their cantonments in the spring of 1746, the INNISKILLING dragoons were employed in the operations of the army commanded by Lieutenant-General Sir John Ligonier. In May



they were encamped behind the Dyle: the French 1746 having a great superiority of numbers, the allies were forced to retire towards Antwerp; subsequently to Breda; and many fortified towns were captured by the enemy. In July, Prince Charles of Lorraine took the command of the army, and the British dragoons were employed in manœuvring and skirmishing with the French cavalry, in order to retard the operations of the adverse army.

During the forenoon of the 1st of October (O.S.), the allies were in position on the plain of Liege; several villages were occupied by the infantry, and the INNISKILLING dragoons stood in line on some open ground near the village of *Roucoux*. About mid-day numerous columns of the enemy appeared advancing under Marshal Saxe; and being emboldened by their superior numbers, their artillery opened a tremendous cannonade, and about fifty battalions attacked three villages on the left of the allied army with great fury. Having carried the villages, the French infantry diverged upon the open ground, where the Greys, INNISKILLING, and Seventh dragoons appeared in line, headed by the gallant Earls of Rothes and Crawford. As the enemy advanced in crowds, as if confident of success, the three regiments dashed forward, overthrew the opposing ranks, and chased the French mus-

1746 keteers to the hedges and thickets near the village in gallant style. A retreat having been ordered, the army withdrew across the river Maese, and encamped near Maestricht.

The regiment was commended in orders for its conduct on this occasion ; it had three men wounded : and six horses killed and seven wounded : one horse fell into the hands of the enemy.

After encamping a short time in the province of Limburg, the regiment went into quarters in the country along the Lower Maese.

1747 During the campaign of 1747 the allied army was commanded by the Duke of Cumberland ; and after encamping a short time near the banks of the Scheldt, the INNISKILLING dragoons were employed in operations on the Great Nethe, and on the Demer. The 1st of July was passed in skirmishing near the frontiers of Liege ; the two armies confronted each other, and on the following day a sharp action was fought, on which occasion the regiment acquired new laurels.

Under the cover of a heavy cannonade, the French infantry attacked the village of *Val*, which was occupied by four battalions (three British and one Hanoverian), and the INNISKILLING dragoons were formed behind the houses. Eventually the village was captured, and the enemy broke the centre of the allied army. The



cavalry of the left wing was led forward by Sir 1747 John Ligonier, and charged the French horsemen with signal intrepidity. The Greys particularly distinguished themselves. The INNISKILLING dragoons, vying in heroism with the Scots troopers, overthrew and routed the squadrons opposed to them ; and a sanguinary sword fight ensuing, the British horsemen made great havoc among the discomfited ranks of their opponents. Following up their first success, the Greys, INNISKILLING, and other British dragoons, dashed forward ; a volley from some French musketeers posted on the low grounds, and behind hedges, emptied several saddles ; but the survivors rushed upon the infantry and chased them from behind the hedges and from the low grounds, with dreadful carnage. While pursuing the fugitives, a new line of combatants appeared ; but, with ranks confused and blended together, the British dragoons galloped forward and dispersed these also. This astonishing gallantry of the British cavalry produced important results ; but the enemy having broken the centre of the allied army, the Duke of Cumberland ordered a retreat.

When the INNISKILLING, and other British dragoons, faced about to retire, the enemy came down upon them in crowds, and they sustained considerable loss. The army retreated to Maestricht, where it arrived in the evening.

1747 The casualty-return of the regiment on this occasion exhibited a serious loss, viz., Lieutenant Armstrong, Quarter-master Seaman, forty men, and twenty-two horses wounded; Lieutenant Gordon, Cornet Hay, seventy-eight men, and ninety-eight horses killed and missing. The conduct of the British cavalry on this occasion, was highly commended in the accounts of the battle published at the time.

The INNISKILLING dragoons were subsequently encamped at Richel, near the Maese, in the province of Limburg; in October they proceeded to North Brabant, and pitched their tents behind the lines at Terheyden; and at the end of the campaign they went into cantonments among the Dutch peasantry.

1748 A strong remount of men and horses having joined to replace the losses of the preceding year, the regiment took the field to serve the campaign of 1748 in a high state of efficiency, and according to the publications of that date its warlike appearance was much admired. It was employed in the province of Limburg, and was encamped a short time near Ruremonde. Meanwhile preliminary articles for a treaty of peace had been agreed upon; the regiment proceeded to North Brabant, where it remained a short time, and during the winter, returned to England.

1749 After the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle the esta-

blishment was reduced to two hundred and 1749 eighty-five officers and men.

The Earl of Rothes was removed in January, 1750 to the Royal North British dragoons, and was succeeded in the colonelcy of the INNISKILLING dragoons by Major-General the Honourable James Cholmondeley from the Third Irish horse, now Sixth dragoon guards.

In 1751 a regulation was issued for insuring 1751 uniformity in the clothing, standards, and regimental distinctions of the British army, from which the following particulars have been extracted relating to the INNISKILLING DRAGOONS.

COATS,—scarlet ; double-breasted ; without lappels ; lined with *full yellow* ; slit sleeves, turned up with full yellow ; the button-holes worked with narrow *white lace* ; the buttons of white metal, set on two and two ; a long slash pocket in each skirt ; and a white shoulder-knot, or aiguillette, on the right shoulder.

WAISTCOATS AND BREECHES,—full yellow.

HATS,—bound with silver lace ; and ornamented with a white metal loop and a black cockade.

BOOTS,—of jacked leather, and reaching to the knee.

CLOAKS,—of scarlet cloth, with a full yellow collar and lined with yellow shalloon ; the buttons



1751 set on two and two upon white frogs, or loops, with a blue stripe down the centre.

HORSE FURNITURE,—of full yellow cloth; the holster caps and housing having a border of white lace with a blue stripe down the centre; the castle of Inniskilling embroidered upon a red ground within a wreath of roses and thistles, on each corner of the housing; and on the holster caps the king's cipher and crown, with VI. D. underneath.

OFFICERS,—distinguished by silver lace; their coats and waistcoats bound with silver embroidery; the button-holes worked with silver; and a crimson silk sash worn across the left shoulder.

QUARTER-MASTER,—to wear a crimson sash round the waist.

SERJEANTS,—to have narrow silver lace on the cuffs, pockets, and shoulder-straps; silver shoulder-knots, or aiguillettes, and yellow and white worsted sashes tied round their waists.

DRUMMERS and HAUTBOYS,—clothed in full yellow coats lined with scarlet, and ornamented with silver lace with a blue stripe down the centre; their waistcoats and breeches of scarlet cloth.

GUIDONS.—The first or King's guidon to be of *crimson* silk, embroidered and fringed with gold and silver: in the centre the rose and thistle conjoined and crown over them, with the motto *Dieu et mon Droit* underneath: the white horse

in a compartment in the first and fourth corners, 1751 and VI. D. in silver characters on a yellow ground in a compartment in the second and third corners. The second and third guidons to be of *full yellow* silk, in the centre the castle of Inniskilling within a wreath of roses and thistles on a crimson ground; the white horse on a scarlet ground in the first and fourth compartments, and VI. D. within a small wreath of roses and thistles upon a scarlet ground in the second and third compartments.

During the succeeding seven years, the regi- 1752 ment was employed on home service in Great Britain, and was distinguished as an efficient and well-conducted corps.

In 1755, when the aggressions of the French 1755 in North America led to acts of open hostility, the establishment was augmented one corporal and fifteen men per troop. Shortly afterwards a *light troop* was added on the same principle as light companies to infantry corps: and the regiment consisted of six heavy troops and one light troop. The light dragoons were sometimes styled *hussars*. A periodical of this date (June, 1756) 1756 has the following paragraph: 'On Monday 'morning the newly-raised light horse, or, as 'they are commonly called, hussars, were exercised in Hyde Park, as were also some life 'guards and horse grenadiers. The hussars in



1756 'particular made a very pretty and genteel appearance; went through their peculiar method of exercise, both on horseback and on foot, with the greatest vivacity and exactness, to the satisfaction of many thousands of spectators.'

War was proclaimed, and the French monarch made such extensive preparations for invading England, that some alarm was occasioned.

1757 These preparations being continued in 1757, the country was placed in a posture of defence. Seven battalions were encamped on Barham Downs under the Duke of Marlborough; five at Chatham under Lord George Sackville; six at Amersham under Lieutenant-General Campbell; a regiment of cavalry and six battalions of infantry at Dorchester under Sir John Mordaunt; another camp was formed on the Isle of Wight; and the INNISKILLING dragoons, with the third dragoon guards, and first, third, fourth, and eleventh dragoons were encamped on Salisbury plain, under Lieutenant-General Hawley. The formidable attitude assumed by the government, with the increased military power prepared to oppose the invasion, induced the French monarch to lay aside his design of landing troops on the British coast, and he resolved to attack the possessions of his Britannic Majesty in Hanover.

1758 The increased naval and military establishments of Britain enabled King George II to

assail the coast of France, and an expedition was 1758 prepared for that purpose under the command of Charles Duke of Marlborough. The light troop of the INNISKILLING dragoons was selected to take part in this enterprise, and having been encamped some time on Southsea Common, and formed in brigade with the light troops of eight other regiments, under the command of Brigadier-General Elliott, (afterwards Lord Heathfield,) it embarked towards the end of May, 1758, and sailed for the coast of France on the 1st of June. On the evening of the 5th a landing was effected in Cancalle Bay, in the province of Brittany; on the 7th the troops advanced to Paramé; and during the following night the light dragoons and piquets of the infantry regiments proceeded to the harbour of *St. Maloes*, and destroyed by fire one hundred vessels with extensive magazines of maritime stores. The light cavalry afterwards advanced to the town of Dol, and evinced signal intrepidity in skirmishing with detachments of French troops. After remaining five days in France the British re-embarked, and severe weather rendering another descent impracticable, they returned to Portsmouth. The light troop of the SIXTH dragoons having landed, was encamped a short time at Portsmouth, and subsequently on Southsea Common. In the beginning of August it sailed on a second expedition under Lieutenant-

1758 General Bligh. A landing having been effected in the Bay des Marées, *Cherbourg* was taken, and the fortifications and vessels in the harbour were destroyed. The troops returned on board the fleet, and another landing was effected in the bay of St. Lunar; but no advantage resulted from this enterprise, and before the whole were re-embarked, the enemy attacked the rear with such fury that the grenadiers and foot guards sustained considerable loss. The expedition returned to England, and the light troop of the SIXTH dragoons went into cantonments in villages along the coast.

Disastrous events had, in the mean time, occurred in Germany; the Hanoverian, Hessian, and Brunswick troops commanded by the Duke of Cumberland, had been subject to a capitulation, and the electorate of Hanover was taken possession of by the enemy. The French having violated the conditions of the capitulation, the Hanoverians, Hessians, and Brunswickers reassembled under Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick; a body of British troops was sent to Germany under Charles Duke of Marlborough; and the six heavy troops of the SIXTH dragoons were selected for this service. The light troop of the regiment was left in England on coast duty; and it was subsequently employed in the travelling escort duty for the royal family.





The regiment was reviewed on Blackheath by 1758 King George II., who expressed his royal approbation of its appearance and discipline; it embarked at Gravesend on the 27th of July; and landed on the 3rd of August, a few miles above the city of Embden in Germany, where it encamped two days, and subsequently marched up the country to join the Hanoverians, Hessians, and Brunswickers. The regiment joined the army at Coesveldt on the 17th of August, and was reviewed on the 20th, with the other British corps, by His Serene Highness Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, who expressed his admiration of the condition of the several regiments after the march. After taking part in the movements of the army, the regiment went into winter quarters in the bishopric of Paderborn.

The INNISKILLING dragoons, commanded by 1759 Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Harvey, took the field in the spring of 1759, and were formed in brigade with the Blues and first dragoon guards; the British were commanded by Lord George Sackville, and the allied army by Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick. The French monarch sent an immense body of troops to Germany, under the Duke de Broglie and Marshal Contades; and the allies, being so very inferior in numbers, were compelled to retire before their opponents.

After a series of retreats and occasional skir-



1759 mishes, the enemy occupied a strong position near *Minden*, and the allied army encamped on Petershagen heath. Prince Ferdinand advanced, and having succeeded in drawing the French from their formidable post, a general engagement was fought on *Minden* heath on the 1st of August, when the astonishing valour of the British infantry decided the fortune of the day. The British cavalry were posted behind a wood on the right of the army, and towards the close of the action they were ordered forward to charge the French legions; but a misunderstanding on the part of Lord George Sackville occasioned some delay; the INNISKILLING and other British dragoons, who were panting for an opportunity to distinguish themselves, were detained in a state of inactivity, and the victory was rendered less decisive than it otherwise would have been. The Marquis of Granby was afterwards appointed to the command of the British troops in Germany.

The allied army moved forward in pursuit of the enemy, whose line of retreat might be traced by scenes of devastation and the smoke of burning villages. The INNISKILLING dragoons formed part of the division commanded by the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick, who harassed and attacked the French during their retreat, occasioning them serious loss on several occasions; especially at *Grubenhagen*, *Eimbec*, and in the defiles of *Minden*.

On the 25th of August the SIXTH dragoons, 1759 commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel EDWARD HARVEY, arrived, with the remainder of the Hereditary Prince's division, at Schonstadt. During the night between the 27th and 28th of August, the INNISKILLING dragoons, with a detachment from the first dragoon guards and a battalion of English grenadiers, commanded by Colonel Beckwith, marched in the direction of *Wetter* to surprise the corps commanded by the celebrated Colonel FRISCHER, amounting to about two thousand men, in quarters at that town. FRISCHER's men were alarmed, and attempted to make resistance, but the gallant Colonel HARVEY rushed upon them at the head of the INNISKILLING dragoons, and Beckwith's grenadiers, drawing their swords, joined in the charge;—the French were overthrown; sixty were killed on the spot; many were wounded; about four hundred were made prisoners; and the remainder fled in confusion, towards Marpurg; leaving their camp-equipage, baggage, and a number of horses in possession of the conquerors. Lieutenant-Colonel HARVEY, of the INNISKILLING dragoons, had a personal encounter with FRISCHER's brother, whom he slew with his broadsword; and both the dragoons and grenadiers distinguished themselves in a particular manner\*.

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\* ' By yesterday's mail we have advice that Prince Ferdinand

- 1759 The pursuit of the French army was continued a distance of nearly two hundred miles; and operations were not suspended during the winter. The weather becoming severe, the INNISKILLING dragoons went into cantonments in the villages near the river Lahn.
- 1760 During the campaign of 1760 the regiment was formed in brigade with the tenth dragoons under Major-General the Earl of Pembroke; and, after much manœuvring and some skirmishing was encamped at Kalle. At the same time thirty thousand French troops, commanded by the Chevalier de Mui, crossed the river Dymel, and took post at *Warbourg*, to cut off the communication of the allies with Westphalia. The

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‘has continued his pursuit as far as Wetter; that Colonel Harvey, at the head of a body of about five hundred English dragoons, fell in with a large body of Frischer’s corps, under the command of Frischer’s brother; that Colonel Harvey attacked them sword in hand, killed a great number, and took between four and five hundred prisoners. It is said, that Colonel Harvey, upon coming up to the troops, and being saluted in a haughty manner by Frischer, drew his sword and killed him on the spot.’—*Dublin Gazette*.

‘Colonels Harvey and Beckwith, at the head of some British cavalry and grenadiers, distinguished themselves in a particular manner.’—*History of the Campaigns of Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick*.

N.B. Lieutenant-Colonel Harvey was appointed to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the INNISKILLING dragoons, 29th May, 1754.



INNISKILLING dragoons left the camp at Kalle 1760 about eleven o'clock on the night of the 30th of June, passed the Dymel near Liebenau, and about five on the following morning were in position on the heights of Corbeke, from whence they advanced to a wood within five miles of the enemy's position. The French were attacked, and while the action was still raging, the British cavalry were ordered forward. Traversing the five miles at a quick pace, they speedily arrived at the field of battle, and charging the enemy with signal intrepidity, routed the French cavalry, put the opposing infantry into disorder, and chased them across the Dymel. The conduct of the INNISKILLING dragoons and other British cavalry regiments was such, that the Marquis of Granby stated, in his public despatch, that *nothing could exceed their gallant behaviour*; Prince Ferdinand declared in general orders that *all the British cavalry performed prodigies of valour*; and an historian of that date stated, that *they outdid all former examples*.

The regiment had only two men and two horses killed; three men and one horse wounded, and three horses missing.

The French retired from their camp beyond the Dymel on the 22nd of August; when the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick crossed the river with twelve thousand men to gain the enemy's



1760 left flank. His leading corps encountered the enemy's rear-guard near *Zierenberg*, and a sharp skirmish ensued. At length the Prince brought forward the Greys and INNISKILLING dragoons; a gallant charge of the two regiments decided the contest; and the French were driven into the town.

The French army encamped beyond *Zierenberg*, and the volunteers of Clermont and Dauphiné, amounting to about nine hundred cavalry and a thousand infantry, were quartered in the town. After sunset, on the evening of the 5th of September, the Greys, INNISKILLING, and Bock's dragoons, two regiments of infantry, and one hundred and fifty Highlanders, crossed the Dymel, and arriving at *Zierenberg* before daybreak, forced the guard and entered the town. A dreadful slaughter was made of the enemy in the streets, and a sharp encounter with the bayonet took place in the churchyard; between three and four hundred prisoners were captured; also two pieces of cannon; and at three o'clock the assailants retired to Warbourg, having lost only ten men. It was stated in the London Gazette, that '*the behaviour of the officers and the bravery of the troops, on this occasion, deserve the greatest commendation.*'

The Hereditary Prince of Brunswick marched with a body of troops to the duchy of Cleves,

and invested Wesel. The INNISKILLING dra- 1760  
goons and several other corps left the camp at Warbourg, on the 1st of October, under Major-General Waldegrave, to join the prince, and take part in the operations on the lower Rhine. The French, commanded by the Marquis de Castries, advanced to raise the siege of Wesel, and encamped half a league behind the convent of *Campen*, with Frischer's corps posted within the convent. The INNISKILLING dragoons passed the Rhine by a bridge two miles below Wesel, and having joined the Hereditary Prince, advanced at ten o'clock, on the evening of the 15th of October, to surprise the enemy's camp. It being necessary to dislodge the troops in the convent, the firing alarmed the French army, which instantly formed for battle. The allies having passed the convent, commenced the action at five o'clock on the morning of the 16th; and a succession of charges was continued with varied success until nine at night, when the Prince ordered a retreat.

The SIXTH lost on this occasion two men and four horses killed; Lieutenant-Colonel Harvey, Major Hepburn, Cornet Sayer, five men and one horse wounded; and one man and horse taken by the enemy.

After repassing the Rhine, the regiment was encamped at Bounnen, subsequently at Klein

1760 Reckum, and in December went into cantonments.

1761 In February, 1761, the regiment took part in a successful incursion into the quarters occupied by the French army ; when the allies, advancing through a heavy snow, drove their opponents before them many leagues, captured several strong towns with extensive magazines of forage and provisions, but were subsequently obliged to retire.

During the campaign of 1761 the regiment was brigaded with the royals and tenth dragoons, commanded by Major-General Eliott. It was employed in several manœuvres, and was in position in the middle of July, on the rivers Asse and Lippe in Westphalia, forming part of the division under the Prince of Anhalt. On the 15th of July, the enemy attacked the Marquis of Granby's division at *Kirch-Denkern*, when the INNISKILLING dragoons crossed the Asse river to support the infantry, and the French were driven back. The action was renewed on the following day, and the enemy was again repulsed with serious loss ; but owing to the scene of conflict being in a thickly-wooded country, interspersed with marshy ground, the services of the regiment were limited to supporting the infantry.

The SIXTH dragoons were subsequently employed in operations on the Dymel ; in November they were engaged in the electorate of Hanover,



where several sharp skirmishes occurred, in which 1761 they took part, in severe weather, and were sometimes encamped in the snow. They eventually went into cantonments in Friesland.

Having taken the field to serve the campaign 1762 of 1762, the regiment was formed in brigade with the fifteenth dragoons, under Colonel Harvey. After encamping at Brackel in the bishopric of Paderborn, and subsequently on the heights of Tissel, the brigade advanced, on the morning of the 24th of June, with the view of surprising the French camp at *Groebeustien*. This movement was conducted with such address, that the French were instantly thrown into confusion, and, abandoning their camp equipage, they fell back upon Cassel, one division being surrounded and made prisoners in the woods of *Wilhelmsthal*. The INNISKILLING dragoons pursued the French towards Cassel, and afterwards encamped near Holtzhausen.

In the subsequent operations of the campaign, the INNISKILLING dragoons were actively employed, and a series of successes was followed by the capture of Cassel. A suspension of hostilities took place in November, and the regiment went into cantonments in the bishopric of Munster.

A treaty of peace was concluded at Fontenoy 1763. The regiment received the thanks of



1763 Parliament for its conduct during the war: and in January, 1763, commenced its march through Holland to Williamstadt, where it embarked for England. It landed in February, and was stationed in South Britain; the *light troop* was disbanded; the establishment was reduced to six troops of twenty-eight private men each, and eight men per troop were equipped as light dragoons.

Lieutenant Colonel Harvey, who had repeatedly distinguished himself during the war, was rewarded with the colonelcy of the twelfth dragoons, and was succeeded by Major Robert Rickart Hepburn, a most meritorious officer, who had served with the regiment many years.

After the return of the regiment from Germany, its head quarters were established at Northampton; from whence they were removed, in 1764 1764, to York; at the same time orders were received for the officers and men to wear epaulettes on the left shoulder instead of aiguillettes; the jacked leather boots were directed to be replaced by others of a lighter description; and the regiment was directed to be mounted on long-tailed horses.

1765 In 1765 the INNISKILLING dragoons occupied cantonments in Scotland; they returned to England 1766 land in the following year, and the head-quarters

were stationed at Coventry, where an order was 1766 received for the drummers on the establishment to be replaced by trumpeters.

The regiment marched into village canton- 1767 ments, near London, in May, 1767, and was reviewed on the 11th of that month, in brigade with the fourth dragoons, on Wimbledon Common, by King George III., who was pleased to express his high approbation of the appearance and discipline of the two regiments.

After the review the INNISKILLING dragoons marched into cantonments in Worcestershire; in 1768 the head-quarters were removed to Lewes; 1768 in 1769 to Ipswich; and in 1770 to York. 1769 1770

In the spring of the following year the regi- 1771 ment proceeded to Scotland; but returned to England in the beginning of 1772, and was sta- 1772 tioned in Lancashire, the head-quarters being established at Manchester; from whence they were removed in 1773 to Worcester, and in 1774 1773 1774 to Canterbury.

A change of quarters took place in the summer of 1775, and the regiment was stationed in North- 1775 amptonshire and Lincolnshire, with the head-quarters at Northampton.

On the decease of General Cholmondeley, in October, 1775, King George III. conferred the colonelcy on Lieutenant-General Edward Harvey, who so highly distinguished himself at the head

1775 of the regiment in Germany during the seven years' war.

1776 In the early part of 1776 the SIXTH dragoons commenced their march for Scotland; from 1777 whence they returned in the beginning of 1777, and were cantoned in Warwickshire and Staffordshire, the head-quarters being at Coventry.

1778 The colonelcy having become vacant by the decease of General Harvey, it was conferred on Lieutenant-General James Johnston, from the first Irish horse, now fourth dragoon guards, by commission dated the 2nd of April, 1778.

Meanwhile the American war had commenced, and the French monarch having agreed to aid the revolted colonies, war was declared against France. The British army was augmented, and one hundred men and horses were added to the INNISKILLING dragoons; but the scene of conflict was so little adapted for cavalry, that the heavy dragoon regiments were not called upon to quit the United Kingdom.

The head-quarters were removed to Salisbury in May, 1778; and a further augmentation of forty-eight men, who were to be mounted on small horses and equipped as light dragoons, was added to the regiment.

1779 In April, 1779, the men equipped as light cavalry were incorporated, with the men of the third dragoon guards, and first and eleventh



dragoons, into a regiment, which was numbered 1779 the twentieth light dragoons. During the following summer, the SIXTH, and five other regiments of cavalry, were encamped on Salisbury Plain, under Lieutenant-General Johnston.

In the two following years the regiment occupied quarters in Gloucestershire and Worcester-<sup>1780</sup>  
shire; in 1782 it was stationed in Dorsetshire,<sup>1781</sup> 1782 with the head-quarters at Dorchester; and in 1783 it was removed into Northamptonshire and 1783 Leicestershire.

The American war had, in the mean time, terminated, and the establishment was reduced to two hundred and thirty-two officers and men.

During part of the year 1784, the head-quar-<sup>1784</sup>  
ters were at Lincoln, with detachments along the coast; in 1785 they were removed to York, with 1785 detached troops in Northumberland, Durham, and on the Yorkshire coast.

In 1786 and 1787 the regiment was sta-<sup>1786</sup>  
tioned in Lancashire; in 1788 the head-quaters<sup>1787</sup>  
were at Exeter, with detachments on the Devon-<sup>1788</sup>  
shire coast; they were removed to Dorchester in 1789; to Winchester in 1790; to Ipswich in <sup>1789</sup>  
1791; and to York in 1792, with detachments on <sup>1790</sup>  
coast duty. <sup>1791</sup> 1792

A revolution had, in the mean time, taken place in France; and a violent republican party had seized the reins of government, and impri-



1792 soned their king. These indications of an approaching war occasioned the establishment of the regiment to be increased sixty men; in the 1793 beginning of 1793 it was augmented to nine troops, and was held in constant readiness to proceed on foreign service; a tenth troop was afterwards added.

The French republicans, pursuing a career of cruelty, spoliation, and bloodshed, added to their multiplied enormities the decapitation of their king. Infatuated by success in their own land, they sought to subvert the liberties of other countries,—to destroy the civil order of Europe,—to spread a moral contamination of principle and practice which outraged the nature of mankind,—and to involve every country in atheism, despotism, and anarchy. They attacked Holland, when a British force was sent to the assistance of the Dutch, and the INNISKILLING dragoons marched from York in June, 1793,—embarked at Blackwall, and having landed at Ostend, went into quarters for a short time among the Flemish peasantry.

From Ostend the SIXTH proceeded to the vicinity of Bruges, and were formed in brigade with the blues and royal dragoons. Meanwhile the successes of the allies had removed the theatre of the war from Holland, to the frontiers of French Flanders, and the INNISKILLING dragoons

advanced up the country and joined the forces 1793  
commanded by the Duke of York before *Valenciennes*, which fortress surrendered to His Royal Highness a few days after the regiment joined the army.

The British were separated from the remainder of the allies, with a view of undertaking the siege of *Dunkirk*; and the INNISKILLING dragoons marched from Valenciennes to the vicinity of the coast for the purpose of forming part of the covering army. On the evening of the 22nd of August the French were driven from the camp at Ghivelde, and the covering forces took up a defensive position under Marshal Freytag, while the Duke of York carried on the operations against the fortress. The delay which took place in the arrival of the battering train, and of a British naval force, to co-operate with the army, gave time for the government of France to assemble men from various parts, crowd them into coaches, waggons, and other vehicles, and hurry them day and night towards *Dunkirk*. On the 6th of September the enemy attacked the covering army with overwhelming numbers, and, owing to the nature of the ground, the INNISKILLING dragoons dismounted and formed as infantry. Some sharp fighting occurred during the day, and after sunset the covering army withdrew to a new position. The night was dark and tempestuous; the ad-

1793 vance-guard took a wrong road, and on entering the village of *Reespoede* it was found to be occupied by the enemy. Some confused fighting took place, and Marshal Freytag and Prince Adolphus were surrounded, but escaped with slight wounds. Finally the French were repulsed with great slaughter, and the army, continuing its route, arrived at Hondschoote on the following morning, and took up a new position. The SIXTH dragoons lost one quarter-master, their sick men, the women, and the baggage, which fell into the enemy's hands.

On the 8th of September the covering army was again attacked, and driven from its ground by superior numbers; when the Duke of York raised the siege and retired.

The Dutch posts on the Lys having been forced on the 12th of September, they abandoned *Menin*, which fortress was immediately taken possession of by the French. The Duke of York advanced, on the 14th of September, to drive the enemy across the Lys; and the INNISKILLING dragoons formed part of the force under Major-General Harcourt, which joined the leading column of Austrians and Hessians under Lieutenant-General Ehrbach. The French were forced to evacuate Menin, and were pursued by two British squadrons and the Austrian hussars towards Roncq.



After bivouacking a few days in the fields, 1793 near Menin, the regiment marched to Tournay, where it was stationed several weeks, and subsequently passed the severe winter months at Drongen.

Leaving Drongen in February, 1794, the 1794 regiment marched to Oudenarde; in April it joined the army at Cateau, where it was seen in marching order by the Emperor Francis; and on the 17th of that month it supported the column which attacked and carried the heights of *Varoux*.

The INNISKILLING dragoons formed part of the covering army during the siege of *Landrécies*; and on the 21st of April, when the enemy attacked the Prince of Coburg's advanced posts at *Blocus*, the regiment formed part of the force which proceeded to the support of the Austrians; the French were repulsed at this point; but they succeeded in driving the Imperialists from *Nouvion*.

Thirty thousand French, commanded by Lieutenant-General Chapuy, attacked the Duke of York's post at *Cateau* on the 26th of April, and several cannon shot and shells fell among the SIXTH dragoons before they were mounted; but did little injury. The Duke of York watched the enemy's movements from the top of a redoubt, and observing their left uncovered, he detached a body of troops against that flank; and after a sharp contest the French general was taken pri-



1794 soner, and his army driven from the field with severe loss.

On the 27th of April the INNISKILLING dragoons were detached to support the troops at *Courtray* under General Clairfait, whose advance-posts at Mourcon were attacked two days afterwards by the French under General Pichegru, who carried the post after a severe engagement, and also gained possession of Courtray. The INNISKILLING dragoons rejoined the army under the Duke of York.

On the 1st of May the INNISKILLING dragoons encamped in front of *Tournay*, with their left to the road leading towards Lisle, where the army arrived from the vicinity of Landrécies, and took up a position to oppose the enemy.

About three o'clock on the morning of the 10th of May a few pistol-shots from the advance-posts gave indication of an approaching enemy, and soon afterwards thirty thousand republican troops appeared in dark masses advancing to battle. The British soldiers stood to their arms, and the INNISKILLING dragoons mounted and prepared for the combat. The report of musketry with the deep tones of the artillery succeeded, and the enemy's attempt to turn the left was repulsed by the fire of the Austrians posted in a wood. A shower of bullets from the French artillery assaulted the British centre, and through

the clouds of smoke the opposing columns rushed 1794 to battle. During the conflict several cavalry corps were detached against the enemy's right flank. The Queen's Bays, Scots Greys, and INNISKILLING dragoons, forming one superb brigade, were led forward by the Duke of York, in open column of half-squadrons; on approaching the enemy they formed line under a heavy cannonade, and rushed sword in hand upon their adversaries. Deep lines, bristled with bayonets, opposed a formidable resistance; but they were broken by the terrific charge of the British heavy cavalry, and the heroic troopers riding furiously among their adversaries, cut them down with a terrible carnage. The enemy commenced a retreat, but was speedily broken and pursued from the field with great loss.

Three men and seven horses of the SIXTH dragoons were killed; seven men and nineteen horses were wounded, and three horses missing.

A combined attack on the French posts having been resolved upon, the SIXTH dragoons joined the column under General Count Kinsky, who advanced on the morning of the 17th of May from Cysoing to the La Marque, and forced the passage of the river at *Bauvines*, in which service the INNISKILLING dragoons were engaged; but no decisive results followed the movements of the army on this occasion. On the evening of the same day the regiment joined the Austrians under

1794 Archduke Charles, and advanced on the 18th to form a junction with the column under the Duke of York at Roubaix, but was suddenly ordered to take the route to Tournay, where the army was again assembled.

The enemy attacked the position with great fury on the 22nd of May, but was repulsed. The INNISKILLING dragoons were formed in column on their camp ground; but the French did not attack that part of the line.

The extraordinary efforts made by the French government to collect an army of overwhelming numbers, were eventually attended with complete success. The Austrians were overthrown and forced to retreat; the Duke of York was obliged to withdraw from his position in front of Tournay, and a series of retrograde movements followed, during which the INNISKILLING dragoons performed much severe duty.

After encamping a short period at Rosendaël, the regiment withdrew with the army, in the early part of August, beyond Breda. Thirty-five thousand men under the Duke of York confronted a hundred thousand opponents; and when the French had made preparations for enveloping this small body of British troops, His Royal Highness withdrew to another post beyond Bois-le-duc, where the SIXTH dragoons encamped in the beginning of September.



Strenuous exertions were made by the allies 1794 for the preservation of Holland; but the Dutch, having imbibed the revolutionary principles and doctrines of equality from the French, did not second these efforts with zeal and energy, and the British troops were opposed by such immense masses, that no chance of ultimate success remained. The Duke of York withdrew beyond the Maese in the middle of September; and early in October concentrated his forces about Nimeguen, through which fortress the INNISKILLING dragoons marched a few days before the place was besieged by the French, and eventually went into quarters in the villages between Rhenen and Wyck.

At length a severe frost set in, the rivers became frozen, so as to admit of an army passing on the ice, and the advance of the enemy being facilitated thereby, the prospect of being able to defend the passage of the Waal became hopeless, and the regiment was directed to pass the Rhine and occupy cantonments beyond that river.

In the early part of January, 1795, a sudden 1795 thaw rendering it probable the army would be enabled to maintain a more forward position and defend the passage of the Waal, the INNISKILLING dragoons were ordered to advance; they repassed the Rhine on the ice on the 8th of January, and joined the forces under Major-General Sir David



1795 Dundas near Geldermalsen. The frost, however, set in with greater severity than before, the country was converted into a plain, and after some sharp fighting the British troops fell back before the superior numbers of their opponents. The SIXTH dragoons withdrew from their forward position; they were joined by the Queen's Bays, and Scots Greys, on the 13th of January; harassing marches over a region of ice and snow followed, and several men and horses perished from the severity of the weather.

On the 17th of January the INNISKILLING dragoons halted at Campen in Overijssel; on the 26th they were at Steenwyk in the same province, and continuing this harassing march, they passed the confines of Holland, and arrived on the 10th of February at the banks of the Ems, a river of Westphalia. They were to have halted at Warmer, but a thaw occasioned them to prosecute their journey and pass the river on the ice. Continuing the march on the following day, the country for a considerable distance was under water, and several horses which had become exhausted, were lost in the inundations.

The frost returning, the SIXTH dragoons counter-marched, repassed the Ems on the ice on the 20th of February, and on the 20th skirmished with the van of the French army. Several manœuvres followed, and on the 3rd of March

a party of French failed in an attempt to pass the 1795 Ems. On the following day the INNISKILLING dragoons had to traverse a small river on the ice at a point which was commanded by the enemy's cannon; but the regiment, being favoured by a very thick fog, passed unperceived by the French.

Hostilities terminated in this quarter soon afterwards; in May the regiment went into cantonments in villages near the banks of the Weser, one of the principal rivers in Germany; and in July it encamped near Delmenhorst, the chief town of a district of that name in Westphalia, seven miles south-west of Bremen. On the breaking up of the camp, the SIXTH dragoons marched through Bremen into cantonments on the right bank of the Weser until November, when they embarked for England, but were detained in the river several weeks by contrary winds. They landed at Yarmouth and South Shields about Christmas; in January, 1796, they 1796 marched to Norwich, and in September following to Ipswich, where they passed the succeeding winter. In the autumn of 1797 they proceeded 1797 to Romford.

General Johnston died on the 13th of December, 1797, and was interred in great state in Westminster Abbey. He was succeeded in the colonelcy by George, Earl of Pembroke, K.G., who commanded the regiment during the succeeding thirty years.

1798 Leaving Romford in June, 1798, the regiment proceeded to Windsor, and encamped in the forest, where a numerous body of troops was assembled, and exercised in the presence of King George III. and the royal family. His Majesty reviewed the regiment; and it afterwards proceeded into cantonments, the head-quarters being 1799 at Uxbridge. In December, 1799, it marched to 1800 Birmingham; in August, 1800, to Bristol; and 1801 in June, 1801, to Exeter.

1802 The successes of the British forces in Egypt and the West Indies, were followed by a treaty of peace, in 1802, when the establishment of the SIXTH dragoons was reduced to eight troops, and the total number of officers and men to five hundred and fifty-three. In October the head-quarters were removed to Nottingham.

1803 Before the following summer the ambitious policy of the French republic involved Great Britain in another war, and the first consul of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, assembled an army for the invasion of England. This vain project was met by formidable preparations on the part of the British government; an army of *six hundred thousand men* (including militia, yeomanry, volunteers, and troops on foreign stations) was embodied; and the establishment of the INNISKILLING dragoons was again augmented.

In the summer of 1803 the regiment marched



to Birmingham; in January, 1804, it proceeded 1804 to Brighton, and was stationed near the Sussex coast during the two following summers, while the French army lay at Boulogne, on the opposite side of the channel. In 1805 Napoleon with- 1805 drew his legions from the coast, and marched against the Russians and Austrians; and in October the SIXTH dragoons proceeded to Lewes.

The danger of foreign invasion passed away, the arts, sciences, agriculture, manufactures, and commerce flourished throughout the British dominions; while the other countries of Europe became successively scenes of war, rapine, and spoliation. The INNISKILLING dragoons proceeded, in March, 1806, to Ipswich; during the 1806 winter of 1807 to York, and in the summer of 1808 1807 they marched to Scotland, and occupied Piershill 1808 barracks, Edinburgh. In June, 1809, they em- 1809 barked at Portpatrick for Ireland; they landed at Donaghadee, and marched to Dundalk.

While the British troops were triumphant over the legions of Napoleon, in Portugal, Spain, and the south of France, the INNISKILLING dragoons were detained on home service in Ireland. In the summer of 1810 they marched to Dublin; 1810 in November, 1811, to Ballinasloe; in March, 1811 1813, to Belturbet; in May following, to Tulla- 1813 more, and in April, 1814, to Dublin, from whence 1814 they embarked for Liverpool, where they arrived



1814 on the 3rd of May, and proceeding to York, halted there three months, and afterwards marched to Nottingham.

While the regiment was in Ireland, the cocked hats and feathers were replaced by brass helmets, and the high boots and breeches by cloth trousers and short boots.

Meanwhile the victories of the British army had been followed by the removal of Napoleon from the throne of France, and the re-establishment of tranquillity in Europe: the numbers of the regiment were consequently reduced from ten to eight troops.

1815 The return of peace was followed by public rejoicings throughout the country; but scarcely had these subsided, when news arrived of the return of Bonaparte to France; of the flight of Louis XVIII. from the capital; and of the re-assumption of the imperial dignity by the usurper. Preparations for war immediately commenced; the establishment of the INNISKILLING dragoons was augmented, and six troops, mustering four hundred and fifty officers and men, under the command of Colonel Joseph Muter, were selected to proceed on foreign service; the dépôt troops commanded by Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Ellice, were stationed at Ipswich.

The six troops destined for service abroad proceeded, in April, 1815, to Gravesend, where they



Sixth (Inniskilling) Dragoons, 1815.

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embarked for Ostend ; some delay was occasioned 1815 by contrary winds ; but the whole reached Flanders in safety, and on the first of May they were in quarters beyond Bruges, from whence they removed a few stages further up the country. A British, Hanoverian, and Brunswick force was assembled in Belgium under Field Marshal His Grace the Duke of Wellington, and the King of the Netherlands placed his troops under the orders of the British commander. The SIXTH were formed in brigade with the royal dragoons and Scots greys, commanded by Major-General Sir William Ponsonby, K.C.B. They were reviewed by the Prince of Orange, and Lieutenant-General the Earl of Uxbridge, commanding the cavalry, on the 24th of May ; and on the 29th of that month they were seen, together with the other cavalry corps and the royal horse artillery, by the Duke of Wellington, who was accompanied by Marshal Von Blucher, the commander of the Prussian army.

The INNISKILLING dragoons reposed in cantonments among the Belgic peasantry about six weeks ; being stimulated by the fame acquired by several corps in the Peninsular campaigns, from 1808 to 1814, they were eager for an opportunity to signalize their intrepidity and prowess against the enemies of their country, and this opportunity was soon afforded them. About four



1815 o'clock on the morning of the 16th of June, they were suddenly aroused by the notes of the bugle summoning them to assemble, mounted, at the alarm posts. Springing from their beds with alacrity, they were speedily equipped, and, as the Belgic husbandmen commenced their labours in the field, the INNISKILLING dragoons were seen directing their march towards *Quatre Bras*, where the French divisions, under Marshal Ney, had suddenly attacked the advance-posts, while Bonaparte assailed the Prussians at Ligny with the main body of his army. Continuing its route by Enghien, Brain-le-Conte, and Nivelles, the regiment arrived at the scene of conflict a little before midnight; the hostile forces were reposing on their arms; and the SIXTH bivouacked behind the position, in a corn-field on the left of the road from Charleroi to Brussels.

The Prussians having retreated, the Duke of Wellington made a corresponding movement, and the INNISKILLING dragoons were employed in covering the retreat of the infantry and artillery to the position of Mont St. Jean, in front of the village of *Waterloo*. On passing through Genappe, a heavy thunder-storm deluged the country and put a stop to the firing; but as the atmosphere cleared, the scene became particularly interesting; the cavalry brigades were manœuvring in the face of the adverse army; the loud tones

of the artillery, the fire of skirmishers in the 1815 fields, the seventh hussars and first life guards charging the French lancers in the streets, while Bonaparte urged forward his numerous squadrons, thinking to overwhelm the British horsemen, presented to the eye an animating and splendid spectacle. On arriving at the heights of Mont St. Jean, an opposition was presented to the French emperor, which he despaired to overcome that evening, and the hostile forces confronted each other during the night, the men and horses being exposed to a continual rain.

On the morning of the memorable 18th of June, the army appeared in order of battle. The Royals, Greys, and INNISKILLING dragoons, were formed on the left of the road leading from Brussels to Charleroi, to support Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Picton's division of infantry, which crowned the heights in front of the brigade. At ten o'clock the French appeared on the opposite heights, from whence a cloud of skirmishers was sent forward; the artillery gradually opened its fire, and about noon the enemy's columns traversed the intervening space, and one of the most sanguinary, hard-contested, and important battles recorded in the annals of war commenced: a battle in which the fate of kingdoms, and the destiny of millions, was decided by British skill, and by British valour.

1815 After failing in reiterated assaults on the post of Hugomont, simultaneous attacks were formed ; one of cuirassiers against the centre, which was defeated by the British household cavalry ; and one of infantry against the left of the position occupied by the allied army. The formation of columns was partly concealed by the nature of the ground ; but the glistening of bayonets was seen at intervals, above the undulations which form the features of this sanguinary field.

Twenty thousand infantry appeared on the heights opposite the spot where the INNISKILLING dragoons were formed, and rushing forward with that eager velocity which characterizes the first attack of French soldiers, they traversed the intervening space with astonishing expedition, dispersed a Belgic brigade with which they first came in contact, broke through parts of the British supporting infantry, and ascended the position occupied by the allied army. A favourable opportunity for the Royals, Greys, and INNISKILLING dragoons to charge presented itself ; the Earl of Uxbridge galloped up to the three regiments, and they instantly deployed and advanced against the dark masses of the enemy. A spirit of emulation, and a thirst for glory, beamed in the countenances of the officers and men, as they moved forward in firm array, presenting a noble spectacle of nine squadrons of

superb heavy cavalry, whose warlike appearance 1815 and resolute bearing excited admiration. The French columns were urging forward with rapid steps as to certain victory; crowds of infantry and artillery fled before them; and as they ascended the crest of the position, they presented a menacing and alarming aspect. An important crisis in the battle had arrived, and stupendous results depended on the valour of the Royals, Greys, and INNISKILLING dragoons. The three regiments advanced steadily to meet these numerous and formidable bands of opponents, who were concealed from their view by the rising ground: they paused a short time to permit the retreating infantry and artillery to pass through the intervals of squadrons, and the next moment these powerful horsemen raised a loud and terrific shout, and rushed furiously upon the adverse ranks of war. The spectacle was grand, and the result glorious to the British arms. The French masses being unable to deploy, the heads of columns were instantly broken and forced back; confusion ensued, the firing ceased, a general flight commenced, and as the smoke cleared away the British dragoons were seen plunging their horses into the midst of the broken columns, and cutting down the French musketeers with a terrible carnage, until the slope of the position was literally covered with slain. Crowds of



1815 French soldiers threw down their arms and surrendered; while others cast themselves on the ground to escape the victorious troopers. The Royals and Greys took each an eagle: the INNISKILLING dragoons cut off from their own lines and made prisoners a numerous body of French infantry, with whom part of the regiment was detached to the rear. The brigade continued its victorious course, spreading terror, carnage, and dismay over the field: it crossed the ravine, carried several batteries, and penetrated to the rear of the enemy's position. Pursuing their opponents too far, the INNISKILLING dragoons were, on returning, charged by a numerous body of the enemy's lancers, and sustained considerable loss.

Major-General Sir William Ponsonby having been killed by the lancers, the command of the brigade devolved on Colonel Muter of the INNISKILLING dragoons; and that of the regiment on Lieutenant-Colonel Fiennes Miller, who had previously had his horse killed under him, and had received several bayonet wounds, but having had his wounds dressed, and procuring a horse which had belonged to a French officer of lancers, he kept his post at the head of the regiment.

The brigade having re-formed, was stationed behind a little wood, where it remained, protected from the enemy's incessant fire of shot and shells by some high ground and by the

trees, until about four o'clock in the afternoon, 1815 when it was ordered to the right of the position, and there suffered severely from a heavy cannonade.

Lieutenant-Colonel Miller was again wounded about five o'clock, and withdrew, leaving the regiment under the command of Captain Madox. About half-past five Colonel Muter was wounded, and the command of the brigade devolved on Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton, of the royal dragoons.

In the general attack made on the French army at the close of the day, the brigade had another opportunity of distinguishing itself, and, although it was reduced to a very small number of officers and men by casualties and parties detached to the rear with prisoners, yet it proved victorious over every description of force which opposed its advance. The French army sustained a decisive overthrow. The troops under the Duke of Wellington halted on the field, surrounded by cannon and other trophies of victory, while the Prussians, who had arrived at the close of the action, pursued Bonaparte's discomfited legions throughout the night.

Thus ended a battle, the greatest of past or present times, the character and importance of which may be estimated by the splendid results, and by the continued peace which has followed.

1815 The brigade, of which the INNISKILLING dragoons formed part, was commended by the Duke of Wellington in his public despatch.

The regiment had Lieutenant and Adjutant Clusky, two troop-serjeant-majors, three serjeants, four corporals, one trumpeter, seventy-five privates, and one hundred and sixty-four horses killed; Colonel Muter, Lieutenant-Colonel Miller, Captains W. F. Browne, and the Honourable S. Douglas, Lieutenant Hassard, and Cornet Ruffo, three serjeant-majors, six serjeants, five corporals, two trumpeters, eighty-five men, and twenty-seven horses wounded.

Colonel Muter and Lieutenant-Colonel Miller had the honour of receiving the riband and badge of companion of the order of the Bath. Colonel Muter was further rewarded with the decoration of the fourth class of St. Wladimir of Russia, Captain Madox was promoted to the rank of major in the army.

Serjeant-Majors William Seney, John Laws, and Matthew Marshall, Serjeants Hugh M'Mahon, and Johnston Marlow, with Privates William Penfold and Robert Potters, particularly distinguished themselves.

Every officer and soldier present at this engagement received a silver medal; and the subaltern officers, with the non-commissioned

officers and privates, were allowed to reckon two 1815 years' service for that battle\*.

The royal authority was also given for the regiment to bear the word "WATERLOO" on its guidons and appointments.

The regiment advanced in pursuit of the wreck of the French army on the following day ; on the 22nd of June it bivouacked at Malplaquet, a village which is celebrated in history as the scene of a desperate engagement, on the 11th of September, 1709, when the army commanded by the Duke of Marlborough gained a victory over the French under Marshals Villars and Boufflers.

Continuing the pursuit of the French army, the INNISKILLING dragoons arrived, in the beginning of July, at the vicinity of Paris, and after the surrender of the capital, they went into quarters at the village of Nanterre, where they remained three weeks, and subsequently marched

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\* List of Officers who obtained *Waterloo* medals.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Muter—*Brevet-Colonel*.

Major Fiennes Miller—*Lieutenant-Colonel*.

*Captains.*

*Lieutenants.*

*Cornets.*

Henry Madox.	Theo. Biddulph.	Paul Ruffo.
Wm. F. Browne.	Aug. S. Willett.	John D. Allingham.
Thomas Macky.	John Linton.	—
Wm. F. Hadden	Henry Petre.	<i>Paym.</i> Wm. Armstrong.
Edward Holbech.	Alex. Hassard.	<i>Surgeon</i> , John Bolton.
Hon. S. Douglas.	Samuel Black.	<i>A.-Sur.</i> W. H. Ricketts.
	Richard Brown.	<i>Vet. Sur.</i> R. Vincent.
		<i>Qu. Ma.</i> James Kerr.



1815 to Rouen. They took part in several reviews of the army commanded by the Duke of Wellington, at which the sovereigns of Russia, Austria, Prussia, and France, were present.

The war having terminated with the restoration of the Bourbon dynasty to the throne of France, and the conclusion of a treaty of peace, the regiment marched to Calais. It embarked 1816 for England on the 1st of January, 1816, and after landing at Dover, proceeded to Salisbury, and subsequently to Exeter. At the same time its numbers were reduced to a peace establishment.

1817 In October, 1817, the regiment marched to 1818 Birmingham; during the summer of 1818 it proceeded to Scotland and was stationed at Piershill barracks, near Edinburgh. Leaving this station in 1819 June, 1819, for Portpatrick, it embarked for Ireland,—arrived at Donaghadee on the 1st of July, and marched into quarters at Gort, in the county of Galway.

The INNISKILLING dragoons passed the four 1820 succeeding years in Ireland. In 1820 their headquarters were removed to Longford; and in July, 1821 1821, to Dublin, on the occasion of the auspicious visit of His Majesty King George IV. to this part of his dominions. In August the regiment marched to Newbridge, for the purpose of attending His Majesty at the race-ground of Kildare.

On the 9th of November the SIXTH dragoons 1821 left Newbridge for Fermoy; in February, 1822, 1822 they proceeded to Cahir, and in June following returned to Newbridge, where they remained till December, when they proceeded to Dublin and occupied the royal barracks.

Leaving Dublin in May, 1823, the regiment 1823 proceeded to Donaghadee, where it embarked for Scotland on the 6th of June, landed on the same day, and proceeded to Glasgow, where it passed the succeeding twelve months.

From Glasgow the regiment marched in July, 1824 1824, for York; in the summer of 1825 the head- 1825 quarters were removed to Manchester; in April, 1826, to Dorchester; and in the following year to 1826 Nottingham. 1827

The Earl of Pembroke died in the autumn, and was succeeded in the coloneley by the Hon. Sir William Lumley, G.C.B., by commission dated the 3rd of November, 1827.

Leaving Nottingham in March, 1828, the 1828 regiment proceeded to Ipswich, but returned to Nottingham in October following; and in the summer of 1829 proceeded to Liverpool and 1829 embarked for Ireland. After landing at Dublin, it proceeded to Dundalk, where it passed the winter.

In the summer of 1830 the regiment pro- 1830 ceeded to Dublin; in July, 1831, the head-quar- 1831 ters were at Longford; and in 1832 at Cahir, 1832

1832 many detachments being furnished in aid of the civil power during these years.

1833 The Regiment proceeded, in March, 1833, to Dublin, where it embarked for England, and after landing at Liverpool, marched to Scotland, and was stationed at Edinburgh.

1834 From Scotland the regiment marched in the summer of 1834 to England, the head-quarters,

1835 proceeding to Nottingham; in 1835 to Ipswich:

1836 in 1836 to Brighton; and in 1837 to Dorchester.

1837  
1838 In the summer of 1838 the regiment marched

to Bristol and embarked for Ireland; it landed at Cork on the 4th of June, and proceeded from

1839 thence to Cahir. In April, 1839, it was removed to Newbridge, and in July to Dublin.

1840 In April, 1840, General the Honourable Sir William Lumley, G.C.B., was removed to the first dragoon guards, and was succeeded in the colonelcy of the SIXTH dragoons by Lieutenant-General Sir Joseph Straton, K.C.H., from the eighth hussars; and this officer dying in October following, the colonelcy was conferred on Lieutenant-General Sir George Pownall Adams, K.C.H., by commission dated the 26th of October, 1840.

In the summer of this year the head-quarters were removed to Newbridge, and several detachments were furnished in aid of the civil power.

1841 The regiment proceeded to Dublin in the

spring of 1841, embarked for Liverpool, and 1841 the head-quarters were afterwards established at Birmingham.

In May, 1842, the regiment commenced its 1842 march for Scotland, and was quartered at Glasgow and Edinburgh; the whole assembling at Edinburgh in August.

On the visit of QUEEN VICTORIA to Scotland in September of this year, the INNISKILLING dragoons had the honour to receive Her Majesty on landing at Granton Pier, and to furnish guards of honour, and all the Royal escorts at Edinburgh, and as far as Perth, on Her Majesty's journey to the north of Scotland. The regiment also attended the Queen to Granton Pier, when Her Majesty re-embarked for London on the 15th of September.

Routes were received in the spring of 1843, 1843 for the regiment to march to England, when the following general order was issued, dated

*“ Edinburgh April 1, 1843.*

“ Major-General Sir Neil Douglas cannot  
“ permit the INNISKILLING dragoons to quit the  
“ North British district without expressing to  
“ Lieutenant-Colonel White, the officers, non-  
“ commissioned officers, and soldiers of that regi-  
“ ment, his perfect satisfaction with their conduct  
“ during the time they have been under his  
“ command. It appears very evident that the



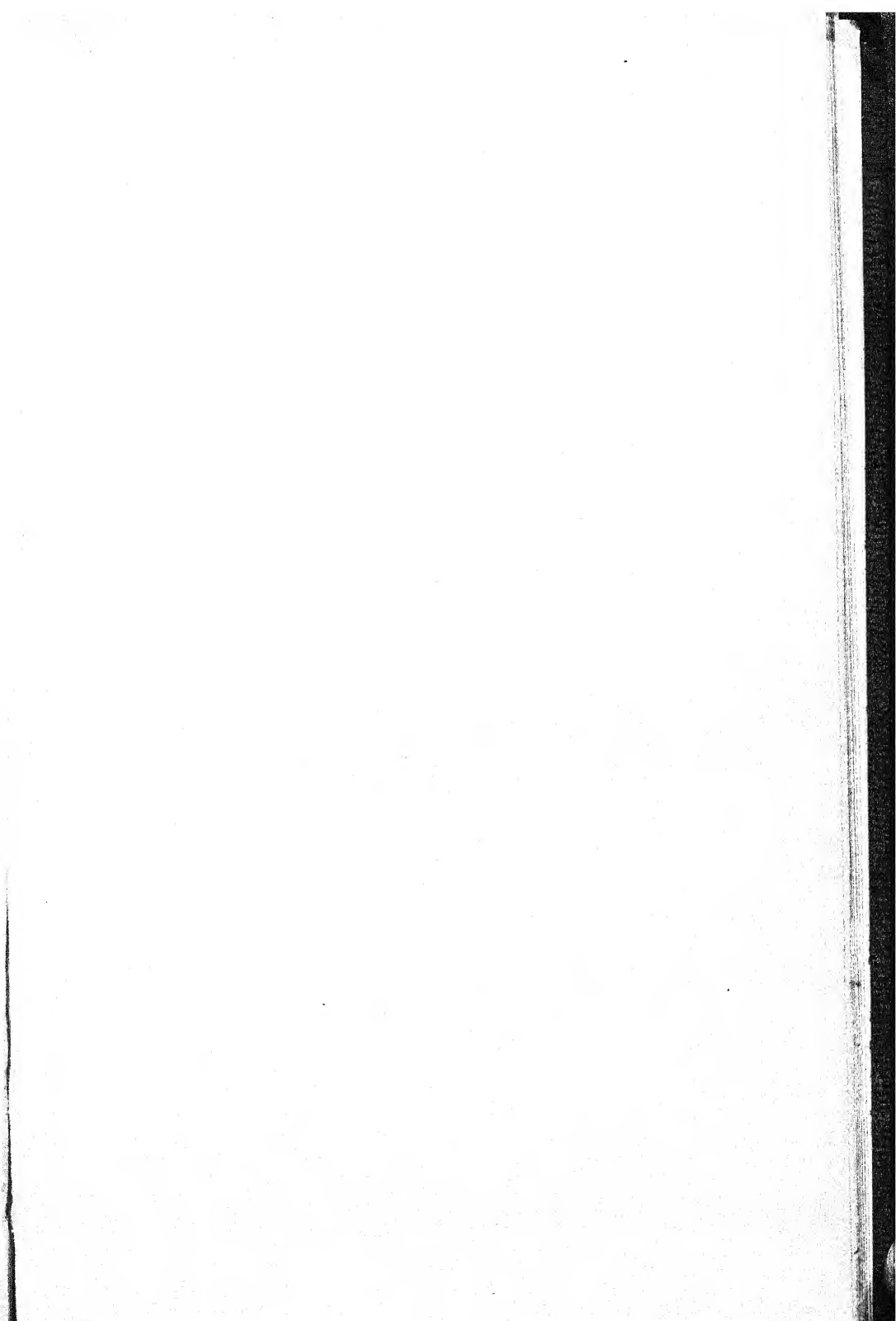
1843 “ exertions of the officers have succeeded in  
 “ instilling into the minds of their men, that,  
 “ next to distinguished valour in the field, nothing  
 “ can more fully establish the character of a  
 “ British soldier than quiet, peaceable, and sub-  
 “ ordinate behaviour in quarters, which the SIXTH  
 “ dragoons have so eminently displayed while  
 “ stationed in North Britain. Nor can the  
 “ Major-General forget the manner in which the  
 “ regiment performed the honorable duties as-  
 “ signed to it during Her Majesty’s visit to her  
 “ northern dominions, which called forth appro-  
 “ bation from the highest authorities. In taking  
 “ leave of the regiment the Major-General begs  
 “ to assure the officers, non-commissioned officers,  
 “ and men of the SIXTH dragoons, that they carry  
 “ with them his sincere and hearty wishes for  
 “ their prosperity and honour, wherever their  
 “ country may require their services.

“ By order of Major-General Sir NEIL DOUG-  
 “ LAS, K.C.B. and K.C.H.

(Signed) “ RT. KERR, *Colonel,*  
 “ *Assistant Adjutant-General.*”

On arriving in England the head-quarters of the regiment were established at Leeds ; in October the regiment marched from that station to Nottingham.

1844 The Regiment remained at Nottingham until June 1844, when it proceeded to Brighton, and  
 1845 remained there until April 1845, when it marched to Birmingham.





Sixth (Inniskilling) Dragoons, 1843.

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In April, 1846, the regiment embarked at 1846 Liverpool for Ireland, and on its arrival at Dublin it proceeded to Newbridge, from whence it marched in May to Longford, where the headquarters are now stationed.

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THE SIXTH, OR THE INNISKILLING REGIMENT OF DRAGOONS, was originally composed of men who evinced an example of valour, constancy, and devotion to the interests of civil and religious liberty, as established by law, at a period of peculiar difficulty and danger, such as seldom has been witnessed in the United Kingdom; and their heroic gallantry ensured to their country the blessings of constitutional monarchy. Loyalty, courage and obedience, have been evinced by the officers and soldiers of the regiment from that period to the present time; and whether in the war of the Austrian succession,—in the seven years' war in Germany,—the early campaigns of the war of the French revolution,—or on the memorable field of WATERLOO, the same valour and constancy have been displayed, which shone so brilliantly in the first members of the corps. Being equally conspicuous for good conduct on home service, the regiment has always possessed the confidence, and ranked high in the estimation, of the sovereign and of the country.



**SUCCESSION OF LIEUTENANT-COLONELS**  
OF  
**THE SIXTH, OR THE INNISKILLING REGIMENT OF DRAGOONS.**

NAMES.	Date of Appointment.	REMARKS.
Robert Echlin. . . .	Dec. 31, 1689	{ Promoted Colonel of the Regiment in 1691
Henry Cunningham . .	Dec. 30, 1691	{ Promoted Colonel of the 8th Dragoons in 1693
Sir Richard Vernon . .		
John Upton . . . .		
Alexander Montgomery .	March 30, 1711	
James Gardiner . . . .	Jan. 24, 1730	{ Promoted Colonel of the 13th Dragoons in 1743
Cuthbert Ellison . . .	April 19, 1743	
Sir John Whitefoord, Bart.	March 19, 1745	{ Promoted Colonel of the 12th Dragoons in 1750
Charles William Tonyn .	Jan. 3, 1750	Died May, 1754
Edward Harvey . . . .	May 29, 1754	{ Promoted Colonel of the 12th Dragoons in 1763
Robert Rickart Hepburn .	March 18, 1763	Retired in 1768
John Whitmore . . . .	June 24, 1768	
Lord Robert Kerr . . .	July 23, 1773	Died in 1781
Francis Augustus Elliott, afterwards second Lord Heathfield . . . . }	March 23, 1781	{ Promoted Colonel of the 29th Dragoons in 1795
William Gunn . . . .	March 1, 1794	Augmentation—Retired in 1796
John Prince . . . .	March 25, 1795	Promoted Major-General in 1809
Ralph Bates . . . .	Oct. 26, 1796	Retired in 1799
George Richard Martin .	June 12, 1799	Retired in 1800
Richard O'Donovan . . .	May 2, 1800	Promoted Major-General in 1813
Joseph Muter, afterwards Sir Joseph Straton, K.C.H. . . . . }	June 4, 1813	{ Promoted Major-General in 1825, afterwards Colonel of the Regt.
Edward Keane . . . .	June 2, 1825	Appointed to the 7th Hussars in 1830
Lord George Lennox . .	June 15, 1830	Retired in 1832
Edmund Meysey Wigley, Greswolde . . . . }	July 27, 1832	Died in 1833
Henry Madox, K.H. . . .	Jan. 18, 1833	Exchanged to half-pay in 1838
Jeremiah Ratcliffe, K.H..	June 9, 1838	Exchanged to half-pay in 1840
Raymond White . . . .	July 17, 1840	Exchanged to half-pay in 1843
Willoughby Moore . . .	July 28, 1843	

SUCCESSION OF COLONELS  
OF THE  
SIXTH, OR INNISKILLING REGIMENT  
OF  
DRAGOONS.

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SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM.

*Appointed 31st December, 1689.*

SIR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM is represented by historians as a gentleman of great personal merit. He held a commission in the army in Ireland, and was appointed lieutenant-general of the Ordnance in that country; but he was removed from his appointment by King James II., for his stedfast adherence to the established institutions of his country. His cordial co-operation with the INNISKILLING men in the defence of their civil and religious liberties, occasioned him to be commissioned by King William III. to raise from among their numbers a corps of dragoons, now the SIXTH, or the INNISKILLING Regiment. He evinced distinguished courage and ability at the head of his regiment in several battles and skirmishes in Ireland; and was killed by an Irish serjeant in King James's service, after having been taken prisoner at Coloony, near Sligo, in September, 1691, as narrated at page 30, in the Record of the SIXTH Dragoons.

## ROBERT ECHLIN.

*Appointed 30th December, 1691.*

THIS officer held the commission of lieutenant-colonel in the INNISKILLING dragoons, and was so conspicuous for personal bravery, attention to duty, and devotion to the principles of the Revolution of 1688, that after the death of Sir Albert Cunningham, King William III. promoted him to the colonelcy of the regiment. He was advanced to the rank of brigadier-general in 1703; to that of major-general in 1704; and of lieutenant-general in 1707. A change in the political sentiments of Lieutenant-General Echlin appears to have taken place towards the close of Queen Anne's reign, and soon after the accession of King George I. he was required to dispose of his commission of colonel of the INNISKILLING dragoons.

## JOHN EARL OF STAIR, K.T.

*Appointed 4th March, 1715.*

LORD JOHN DALRYMPLE served as a volunteer under King William III., in Flanders, and was with the Cameronian regiment (twenty-sixth foot) at the battle of Steinkirk, in 1692. Immediately before the decease of His Majesty, he was nominated lieutenant-colonel of the Scots foot-guards, and his commission was one of the first signed by Queen Anne after her accession. He served as aide-de-camp to the Earl of Marlborough during the campaign of 1702, and in the following year he obtained the colonelcy of a Dutch regiment, which he exchanged, on the 1st of January, 1706, with Colonel James Borthwick, of the Cameronian regiment. In the same year he obtained the rank of brigadier-general; served in that capacity at the battle of

Ramilies; and in August he was promoted to the colonelcy of the Scots Greys. On the decease of his father, in January, 1707, he succeeded to the title of EARL OF STAIR. He commanded a brigade at the battle of Oudenarde, in 1708; and was sent to England with the news of that victory.

Having been appointed major-general on the 1st of January, 1709, he served in that capacity at the battle of Malplaquet; and was advanced to the rank of lieutenant-general on the 1st of January, 1710. He passed the winter of 1709-10 in Poland, as envoy extraordinary to that court; but returning to the army in the spring, he served at the siege of Douay, and was honoured in the same year with the order of the Thistle. He was promoted to the rank of general on the 5th of April, 1712, and afterwards served in Flanders under the Duke of Ormond; but having subsequently opposed the ministry, he was ordered to sell the colonelcy of his regiment to the Earl of Portmore.

Shortly after his accession to the throne, King George I. appointed the Earl of Stair, one of the lords of the bedchamber, a member of the privy council, and commander-in-chief in Scotland in the absence of the Duke of Argyle; and in the following spring conferred upon his Lordship the colonelcy of the INNISKILLING dragoons. In the same year he was sent to France in a diplomatic character, and afterwards displayed great abilities as ambassador extraordinary at that court, from which he was recalled in 1720. In 1729 he had the appointment of vice-admiral of Scotland; but having joined the opposition against Sir Robert Walpole, his lordship was removed in 1733 from that post, and in the following year from the colonelcy of the INNISKILLING dragoons.

After his return from France, in 1720, the active mind of the Earl of Stair was turned to agricultural



improvements; but on the dissolution of the Walpole administration, in 1742, his lordship was called from his retirement, appointed governor of Minorca, field-marshal of the forces, and commander-in-chief of the troops sent to Flanders; also ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the States General of Holland. In April, 1743, he was restored to the colonelcy of the INNISKILLING dragoons; and he commanded the British troops on the continent during the early part of the campaign of that year. He also commanded, under King George II., at the battle of Dettingen; but, observing that His Majesty gave preference to the advice of the Hanoverian generals, he shortly afterwards obtained permission to resign.

In 1744 the Earl of Stair was appointed commander-in-chief in Great Britain. After the death of his gallant brother-in-law, Sir James Campbell, who fell at Fontenoy, the colonelcy of the Scots Greys was again conferred upon his lordship, and he was appointed general of the marine forces in 1746. He died in 1747.

CHARLES LORD CADOGAN.

*Appointed 19th June, 1734.*

CHARLES CADOGAN entered the army in 1706, and served in Flanders under the celebrated John Duke of Marlborough. He was a member of parliament for the borough of Reading, also for Newport, in Hampshire. In 1715 he was appointed captain and lieutenant-colonel in the second foot-guards; and in 1719 he purchased the colonelcy of the King's own regiment of foot. He succeeded, on the decease of his brother, the celebrated William Earl Cadogan, in 1726, to the dignity of LORD CADOGAN, Baron of Oakley; and in 1734 he was removed to the INNISKILLING dragoons.

In 1739 he was promoted to the rank of major-general; in 1742 he was appointed colonel of the second troop of life guards, which gave him the privilege of taking the court duty of Gold Stick; and in 1745 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general. The government of Sheerness was conferred upon his lordship in 1749, that of Gravesend and Tilbury in 1752, and in 1761 he was promoted to the rank of general. His lordship was a fellow of the Royal Society, and one of the trustees of the British Museum. He died in 1776.

JOHN EARL OF STAIR, K.T.

*Re-appointed 25th April, 1743.—Removed to the Scots Greys in 1745.*

JOHN EARL OF ROTHES.

*Appointed 29th May, 1745.*

LORD JOHN LESLIE was appointed to the captaincy of a troop of dragoons in 1715, and in 1717 he obtained the command of a company in the foot guards. Two years afterwards he was appointed to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the Royal North British Fusiliers. On the decease of his father, in 1722, he succeeded to the title of EARL OF ROTHES, and was appointed governor of Stirling castle. He obtained the colonelcy of the twenty-fifth regiment in May, 1732, and the rank of brigadier-general in 1739. In 1742 he proceeded with the forces under the Earl of Stair to Flanders; was appointed major-general on the 1st of January, 1743, and served in that capacity at the head of the second line of infantry at the battle of Dettingen. In April, 1745, he was removed to the colonelcy of the Scots horse grenadier guards, and in the following month to the INNISKILLING dragoons. His lordship distin-

gushed himself at the head of a brigade of cavalry at the battle of Roucoux in 1746; was advanced to the rank of lieutenant-general in 1747; and, in 1750, obtained the colonelcy of the Scots Greys. In the succeeding year he was appointed governor of 'Duncannon fort, and lieutenant-general on the staff of Ireland; and in April, 1752, he was removed to the colonelcy of the third, or Scots, foot guards. He was constituted a Knight of the Thistle in 1753; and obtained the rank of general in 1765. He died on the 10th of December, 1767.

THE HONOURABLE JAMES CHOLMONDELEY.

*Appointed 16th January, 1750.*

THE HONOURABLE JAMES CHOLMONDELEY, third son of George, second Earl of Cholmondeley, was appointed guidon and major in the first troop (now first regiment) of life guards on the 12th of May, 1725; in 1731 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and lieutenant-colonel in the third troop of life guards; and in January, 1741, King George II. conferred upon him the colonelcy of a newly-raised regiment, then numbered the fifty-ninth, and now the forty-eighth foot; from which he was removed in December, 1742, to the colonelcy of the thirty-fourth regiment. In 1744 he proceeded with his regiment to Flanders, and served the campaign of that year with the allied army under Field-Marshal Wade. He was at the battle of Fontenoy on the 11th of May, 1745, and on the 8th of the following month he was appointed brigadier-general, in which capacity he served the remainder of that campaign. On the breaking out of the rebellion in Scotland, in the winter of the same year, he was ordered to England, with a brigade of infantry, and after his

arrival he was sent to Chester to take command of two battalions which had recently arrived from Ireland, with which he joined the army commanded by Field-Marshal Wade, in Yorkshire. After the flight of the rebels from Derby, he was detached to Scotland, where he served under Lieutenant-General Hawley, and signalized himself in a most conspicuous manner at the battle of Falkirk, on the 17th of January, 1746; but the excessive fatigue he underwent, with continued exposure to severe weather, deprived him of the use of his limbs for some time. On the 23rd of September, 1747, he was promoted to the rank of major-general; on the 24th of July, 1749, he was removed to the twelfth dragoons; and in November of the same year to the third Irish horse, now sixth dragoon guards. He was again removed on the 16th of January, 1750, to the SIXTH dragoons: and on the 2nd of May, 1754, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general. He was many years lieutenant-governor of Chester; and died on the 13th of October, 1775.

EDWARD HARVEY.

*Appointed 18th October, 1775.*

EDWARD HARVEY was many years an officer of the SIXTH, or INNISKILLING regiment of dragoons, with which corps he served at the battles of Dettingen, Fontenoy, Roucoux, and Val. On the 29th of May, 1754, he was promoted to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the regiment; and under his care and attention to all the duties of commanding officer, the INNISKILLING dragoons became celebrated as a corps of heavy cavalry. Proceeding with his regiment to Germany, in the summer of 1758, he was present at nearly every action during the remainder of the seven years' war, and was



twice wounded, viz., at Wetter, in August, 1759, where he highly distinguished himself, and at Campen, in October, 1760. He commanded a brigade of cavalry during the summer of 1762, and was highly commended for his signal gallantry and ability at the dislodging of a French corps from Homburg in August of that year, when he led the Blues to the charge in gallant style, and overthrew all opposition. On the 17th of March, 1763, King George III. promoted him to the colonelcy of the twelfth dragoons, and in the following year he was removed to the third Irish horse, or carabineers. He was promoted to the rank of major-general in 1762, and to that of lieutenant-general in 1772. He performed the duties of adjutant-general of the forces several years, to which appointment he was nominated by King George III. soon after the termination of the seven years' war. On the decease of General Cholmondeley, His Majesty gave him the colonelcy of the INNISKILLING dragoons, with which corps his early services were connected. He died in 1778.

JAMES JOHNSTON.

*Appointed 2nd April, 1778.*

THIS officer obtained the commission of cornet in the thirteenth dragoons on the 5th of October, 1736, and was removed to the royal dragoons in 1739, in which corps he rose to the rank of major, and was promoted to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the thirteenth dragoons on the 2nd of December, 1754. In April, 1759, he was re-appointed to the first royal dragoons, and proceeding in command of the regiment to Germany, served in the battles and skirmishes of that and the two succeeding campaigns under Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick. He particularly distinguished himself at the battle of Warbourg, and was wounded at the

battle of Camper. In 1762 he was promoted to the local rank of major-general in Germany, and he commanded a brigade of cavalry during the campaign of that year. He was distinguished alike for the sterner military virtues,—for a gentlemanly deportment,—and an amiable disposition, which procured him the esteem of all ranks; and on the breaking up of the army on the continent he received a flattering mark of the approbation of the hereditary Prince of Brunswick,\*—namely, a valuable gold snuff-box embellished with highly-chased military trophies, accompanied by an autograph letter from the prince. His services were rewarded with the appointment of lieutenant-governor of the island of Minorca in 1763, and he was promoted to the rank of major-general in 1770. In the following year this meritorious officer was rewarded with the colonelcy of the ninth dragoons; in 1774 he was constituted governor of Quebec; and in 1775 he obtained the colonelcy of the first Irish horse (now fourth dragoon guards). Two years afterwards he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general; in 1778 he was removed from the first Irish horse to the SIXTH INNISKILLING dragoons; and was further promoted to the rank of general in 1793: he is stated to have been one of the most celebrated swordsmen of his time. The decease of this distinguished veteran occurred on the 13th of December, 1797, at Hampton, from whence he was removed with great state for interment in Westminster Abbey on the 21st of that month.

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\* His Highness was afterwards reigning Duke of Brunswick; he married the Princess Augusta, sister to King George III.; and died of wounds received at the battle of Jena in 1808.

## GEORGE AUGUSTUS EARL OF PEMBROKE, K.G.

*Appointed 15th December, 1797.*

GEORGE AUGUSTUS LORD HERBERT entered the army on the 10th of September, 1775, as ensign in the twelfth foot, then stationed at Gibraltar, and obtained the rank of lieutenant in 1777. In January, 1778, he obtained a company in the seventy-fifth, or Prince of Wales's regiment of foot, then being raised, and in December following he was removed to the royal regiment of dragoons. In 1781 he was appointed major of the twenty-second light dragoons, and in the following year he was promoted to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the second dragoon guards.

In 1793 he proceeded with his regiment to Flanders, and soon after his arrival, he was detached by the Duke of York, with the second and third dragoon guards, to join the Prussians. Having united the two regiments with Lieutenant-General Count Hohenzollern's corps, he was employed in covering the left flank of the Prussian army during the siege of Valenciennes, in which service he was several times engaged in skirmishes with the French, and evinced signal ardour and gallantry. He subsequently rejoined the Duke of York's army, and was employed in covering the siege of Dunkirk; having under his command four British and Hanoverian squadrons and four pieces of flying artillery, he dislodged a body of French from Hundschuyt. His lordship was principally employed in the out-post duty during the remainder of the campaign.

On the decease of his father, in January, 1794, he succeeded to the dignity of EARL OF PEMBROKE AND MONTGOMERY. In 1795 he was promoted to the rank of major-general, and was employed, in 1797, on the staff under General Sir Charles (afterwards Earl) Grey,

and in the same year he was nominated to the colonelcy of the INNISKILLING dragoons. He commanded the south-west district in 1779, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general in 1802, and was invested with the order of the Garter in 1805. In 1807 he was sent on a special embassy to Vienna. His lordship was also appointed governor of Guernsey in the same year; and in 1812 he was promoted to the rank of general. He died on the 26th of October, 1827.

THE HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM LUMLEY, G.C.B.

*Appointed 3rd November, 1827.—Removed to the First,  
or King's Dragoon Guards, 30th April, 1840.*

SIR JOSEPH STRATON, K.C.H.

*Appointed 30th April, 1840.*

JOSEPH MUTER entered the army as cornet in the second dragoon guards in December, 1794; he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in December, 1795, and to the commission of captain of a troop in the thirteenth light dragoons on the 2nd of March, 1797; in 1801 he was appointed major in the same corps. In the years 1804 and 1805 he studied in the Royal Military College, High Wycombe, and on his examination he obtained a diploma of the first qualification. He was appointed to the staff of the Duke of Gloucester at the same period, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in 1808. In February, 1810, he embarked for Portugal with his regiment, with which he served three campaigns in the Peninsula, and was present at the several actions in which his regiment took part during that period. He commanded the thirteenth light dragoons at the gallant affair at Arroyo dos Molinos on the 28th of October, 1811, and was commended in the



public despatch of Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill. On the 4th of June, 1813, he was nominated to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the SIXTH dragoons, and was promoted to the rank of colonel in June, 1814. He commanded the INNISKILLING dragoons at the battle of WATERLOO, until the fall of the gallant Major-General Sir William Ponsonby, when the command of the brigade, consisting of the first, second, and sixth dragoons, devolved on Colonel Muter. This brigade was mentioned in the Duke of Wellington's despatch as having particularly distinguished itself; and towards the close of the action Colonel Muter was wounded; his horse received two wounds. He received a Waterloo medal, was honoured with the dignity of Companion of the Bath, the fourth class of the Order of St. Wladimir of Russia, and Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic order. He was promoted to the rank of major-general in 1825, and to that of lieutenant general in 1838. On succeeding to the property of his aunt, Miss Straton, at Kirkside, near Montrose, in 1816, he was permitted to assume the surname of STRATON. He was promoted to the colonelcy of the EIGHTH HUSSARS in 1839, and was removed to the SIXTH dragoons in April, 1840. He died in October of the same year.

SIR GEORGE POWNALL ADAMS, K.C.H.

*Appointed 26th October, 1840.*



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